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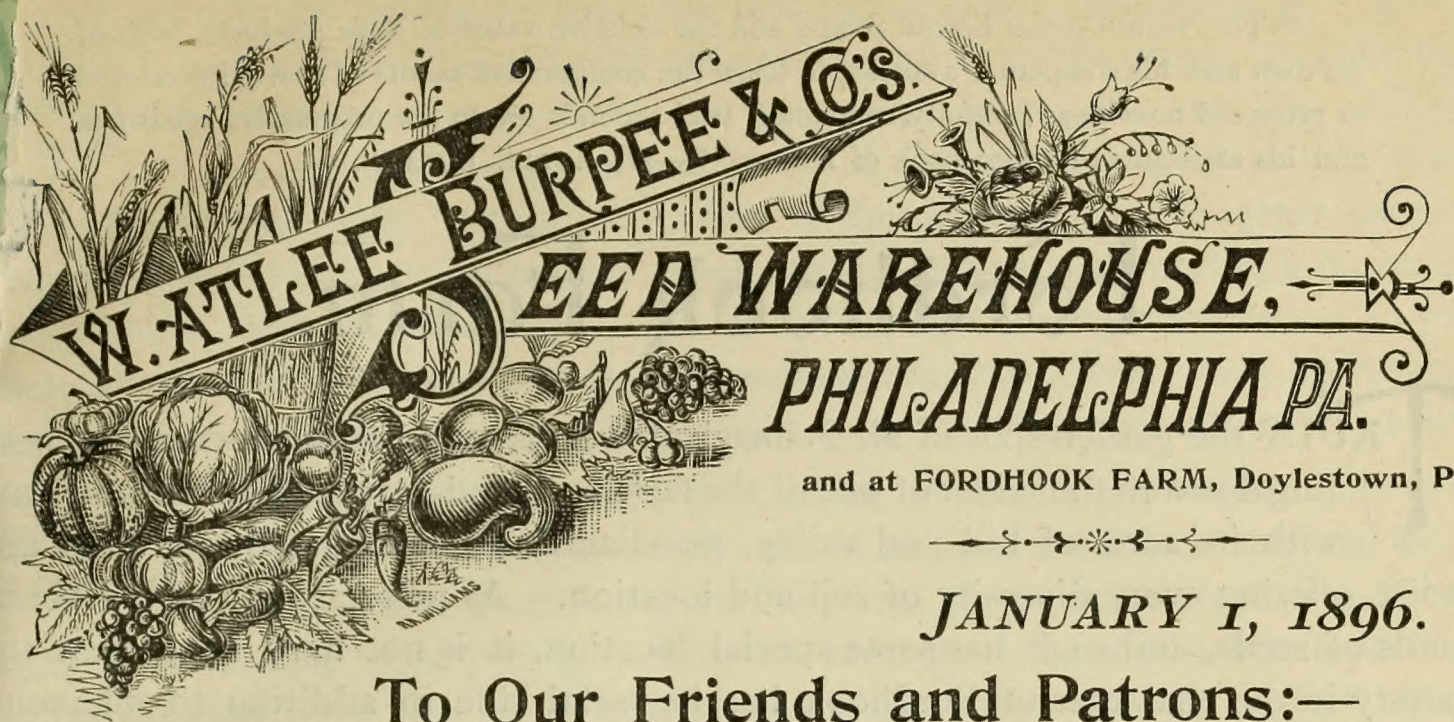
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THE FARM ANNUAL may not appear quite so attractive as catalogues with larger pages, more alluring illustrations, and elaborate descriptions that are often overdrawn, but it has been published for twenty years in its present form and is known everywhere as a thoroughly trustworthy guide to all real progress in agriculture and horticulture. The record of our own introductions on page 12 has no parallel in any other catalogue.

“TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS,” each year, are not empty words. Had our customers not become our friends it would have been impossible, even with ample capital and ceaseless energy, to have built up a business that is acknowledged to-day *the largest of its kind in the world*. We supply seeds annually direct to many more planters than does any other firm of seed growers—a fact largely due to the commendations of our friends to their friends. THE FARM ANNUAL has steadily kept pace with the growth of our business, until now it is pronounced “*The Leading American Seed Catalogue*.”

Our business is our pleasure, and it shall always be our aim to maintain and merit the prestige of our position. Recent improvements, both in our warehouses and on the farm, enable us to handle properly a still further increase in trade. To gain this we ask our customers to tell their friends

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- because* a sample of every lot of seed, whether grown by ourselves or grown for us under contract, is thoroughly tested in the greenhouses, and only those of satisfactory germinating power are sold.
- because* not only are the crops carefully “*rogued*” during growth—with intelligent selection of stock seed—but their products also are compared thoroughly by careful field trials. Thousands of thorough tests are made each year at our famous FORDHOOK FARM, Doylestown, Pa., where a greater variety of grains, vegetables, and flowers are grown than anywhere else in America.
- because* these field trials embrace not only our own stocks, but also those of other seedsmen and new varieties from all parts of the world. Thus we *know* seeds, and are absolutely sure that BURPEE'S SEEDS are the best that grow.

Of course, there are lower-priced seeds, but **none cheaper that are so good**. Good crops grow from good seeds. We supply only the best.

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“To THOROUGHLY KNOW SEEDS and the relative value of their products, both of his own and his competitor's stocks, to learn the comparative merits of newly introduced or proposed novelties, carefully conducted trial grounds are to the progressive seedsman and his assistants the open book of nature.”\*—W. ATLEE BURPEE.

# Fordhook Farm.

**T**RULY the garden spot of all Pennsylvania is its southeastern corner, and nestling down in the midst of one of the fairest of landscapes is FORDHOOK FARM, with its acres of hill and valley, woodland and meadow, dry ground and moist, offering every diversity of soil and location. As there are so many different kinds of seeds, and each has some special location, it is not hard to see that this variety in the character of Fordhook has its useful side in addition to enhancing the natural beauty of the farm.

## The Trial Grounds.

As the brain, scientifically considered, is the most interesting and important part of the human anatomy, simply because it is the brain that makes man what he is, so here at FORDHOOK the trial beds are the prime feature of the farm, simply because it is by them and through the results from them that this great system of seed-growing is what it is, and that it has attained such perfection.

## Their Object.

The object of the trial grounds is to make a thorough test of every discoverable variety of seeds,—ornamental plants, flowers, vegetables, grains, and grasses. Each bed is planted with a separate variety, and the immensity of this great experiment-field may be grasped when it is known that during the present season (1894) no less than 6722 samples of seeds are under inspection in the trial beds. There is an immense amount of labor and watchful, intelligent supervision required in the handling of all these.

Nothing like extra cultivation or stimulation is ever given to any bed, the object being to have every variety grow under perfectly natural and healthy conditions, and with precisely the same care and environment that it would receive in the average farmer's garden or field. The object in every case is to obtain a thoroughly honest, truthful estimate of just what each variety of seed is worth, to make each seed give an account of itself, and show what it is good for.

## Among the Seed Plats.

We will now take a long stroll through the wide expanse of seed plats—huge, broad fields of growing flowers and vegetables, which constitute the greater portion of FORDHOOK, and from which are gathered the crops that form the staple of the business. Every variety, old and new, has to undergo a continual ordeal in the trial grounds as to purity and general excellence, and it is only after passing this ordeal satisfactorily that any of them are admitted to the dignity of being grown in bulk out in the seed plats, listed in the firm's catalogues, and sent out into the world. Hence it will readily be seen that everything grown upon the farm is selected stock, chosen after lengthy tests in the trial grounds, from among all that the world contributes in each particular line, and if this idea can be kept clearly in mind it can readily be comprehended

WHY FORDHOOK STRAINS ARE THE BEST.

\* From THE SEEDSMAN'S TRIAL GROUNDS, an address delivered in Chicago, 1893, and which is published in SELECTION IN SEED GROWING,—the book of the World's Horticultural Congress, advertised on page 6.



The Farm  
Routine at  
Fordhook.

It can readily be imagined that the constant cultivation of a farm, so thickly studded with important and valuable crops, involves the utmost patience, care, and unceasing labor. It can also readily be conceived that the matter could not be accomplished if it were not done systematically. And truly, this is the keynote of the great success attained here in high cultivation and development—system. Everything moves as by clockwork, and everybody about the farm, from the manager to the boy in the fields, is regulated by the strictest of rules and observances. Every man knows just what he has to do, and knows that no slipshod or incomplete work will be tolerated.

The Trials  
are Impartial.

The culture of the trial grounds is, of course, just as carefully carried out as that in the field, but in no case are any of the trial beds given better treatment than the plants are expected to receive at the hands of customers. Everything is done to make the trials absolutely impartial, and the varieties being planted in beds generally necessitates a great deal of hand-work, which is lessened to a large degree by the use of the improved wheel hoes.

To go into detail as to how every crop is planted would occupy volumes. It is hard to convey to the public any idea whatever of the enormous amount of work. Some conception may possibly be gained from the back cover of THE FARM ANNUAL, which bears an absolutely truthful representation of a portion of FORDHOOK FARM, as nearly as is possible in so small a space.

Where Seeds  
are Grown.

FORDHOOK is the headquarters from which the manager makes his inspections of the crops grown for the firm in other localities. For it must not be supposed that all the immense quantity of seeds handled every year by W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. are grown on the Bucks County farm. All parts of the United States as well as many foreign countries are drawn upon to furnish special kinds of seed, which can be brought to a greater degree of perfection in more favored localities.

For instance, special growers furnish large quantities of peas and beans from the upper part of New York and adjoining regions of Canada; from the dark, damp Florida soil come watermelon seeds; muskmelons and squashes do best in New Jersey and Nebraska, cucumbers in New York; tomatoes come to their fullest degree of excellence in Pennsylvania and Ohio; the bulk of the best radish seed comes from France, while many flower seeds and some of the larger varieties of onions come from Italy. The greater part of the cabbage seed used in this country comes from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and from Long Island, while the best onions are produced in Connecticut and California. We go all the way to Denmark for cauliflower seed, and to California for the best lettuce seed. Even such distant parts of the earth as Russia and China and Japan are drawn upon for rare varieties of both flowers and vegetables.

Inspection of  
Crops.

All of these crops have to be inspected rigidly every season in order that Mr. Burpee may be satisfied that the growers are doing their whole duty and that the standard of the various seeds is being maintained. The manager decides the times and seasons for the inspection of certain crops, and where possible makes the inspection personally; inspections are made in foreign countries, as well as in the United States, by competent representatives of the firm, and it is always understood between Mr. Burpee and his growers that all the seeds grown by the latter shall always be subject to the most rigid inspection and test, and will be rejected if not up to the high standard required.



#### Home-made Fertilizers.

One very important branch of the fall and winter work at FORDHOOK is the preparation of the immense quantities of compost and chemical fertilizers necessarily needed. Huge compost heaps composed of different manures and soils, vegetable matter, etc., are being constantly added to and worked over, to provide material for the frames and for special crops which need extra nourishment.

All the chemical fertilizers used are made upon the farm by the firm's own chemist, Mr. F. W. Sempers. In addition, hundreds of tons of city manure are spread upon the land every year. Much fertilizing is also done by sowing the ground to clover, and plowing this under after it has acquired a growth.

#### Rotation of Crops.

As might be expected, that prime principle in good farming—the rotation of crops—receives the closest study and attention at Fordhook. The crops vary each year, and the farm never presents the same appearance during two successive seasons. When one block has been planted with flowers and vegetables for a certain length of time it is planted in grain of some kind, and clover or timothy. This is cut the following year, the grain being used for feed and the straw for bedding purposes. The year after, the hay is harvested. Every detail of the farmwork is continually kept up and no one point ever allowed to go by unattended.

From time to time, as has already been incidentally mentioned in connection with the trial grounds, experiments are made for the benefit of farmers, Mr. Burpee always embodying the results in some popular form of publication which is sent out broadcast over the world. The best mixtures for composts and home-made chemical fertilizers are continually being striven for. The value of Crimson Trefoil Clover\* was proven by several years of exhaustive trials at Fordhook long before it was generally known, Mr. Burpee having published much about it considerably in advance of the newspaper reports.

#### The Drying and Cleaning of Seeds.

The inherent truthfulness of the firm's motto, "BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW," is forcibly impressed upon the visitor to Fordhook by what he sees of the extreme care taken, not only in obtaining pure, clean seed, but in preserving its vitality and usefulness after it is obtained.

The seeds of all kinds are as carefully and intelligently handled and stored as though they were endowed with animal sensibility, and to this fact is due the ability of Mr. Burpee to be sure that every package of seeds sent out to his customers contains only seeds with the vital element in them, and which *will grow*.

#### The New Model Seed House.

The big, new seed house near the center of the farm, which is probably the most important as well as the most conspicuous building at FORDHOOK, is also one of the most interesting places to visit that can be imagined. Exteriorly it is of plain architecture, having been, like all the Fordhook buildings, erected more for use than beauty. The utmost care was exercised in planning and building it, however, and every part of it is exactly adapted to the uses which it is intended for.

All the timber used is large, heavy, and strong, the building being perfectly weather-proof, and the walls are nearly all windows, so that those two elements which seeds love so well—light and air—are to be had in abundance. Surmounting the roof is the bell-cupola, from which can be had a beautiful, far-reaching view of the green hills and valleys of Bucks.

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\* A circular describing its habits, growth, and uses will be mailed upon application.—W. A. B. & Co.



The Distribu-  
tion of Seeds.

Every civilized country on the globe is reached by BURPEE'S SEEDS, the distributing center being the firm's big warehouse and business offices at 475 and 477 North Fifth Street, and 476 and 478 York Avenue, in Philadelphia. Here all the crops grown at Fordhook and by the firm's growers throughout this and other countries are accumulated at the end of each season, and from here they are sent out all through the fall, winter, and early spring to the thousands of customers. The interior of the warehouse is conducted very much on the same principle as Fordhook, everything moving like clockwork, and special attention being continually paid to systemization and to the careful consideration of detail.

It is beyond question that the firm of W. Atlee Burpee & Co. are now in regular communication with more business correspondents in every part of the world than almost any other establishment in the United States.

Quick Mails  
Make Near  
Neighbors  
of us all.

Some sort of idea may be formed of the scope of the business done by W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., when it is known that over 6000 pieces of mail matter containing orders for seeds, plants, etc., frequently pour into the big Philadelphia warehouse in one day. In these days of fast mails, the products of Fordhook are but a short distance from every man's door, and the firm's books show that in the United States alone W. Atlee Burpee & Co. have business correspondents at 59,352 post offices. In addition, there are orders filled for people in nearly every civilized country in the world.—*A few extracts from the beautifully illustrated new book, A YEAR'S WORK AT FORDHOOK FARM, by E. J. WHELOCK, advertised below.*

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## SEED TESTING EXTRAORDINARY

The great development of the seed industry in America is nowhere better exemplified than on the large seed farm of W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., at FORDHOOK,—located among the Bucks County hills in Pennsylvania,—a name now as familiar among seed growers and buyers as a household word.

"Tried and True" is the motto carried out at FORDHOOK, and for this purpose fourteen acres are set apart as trial grounds, in which this summer 6722 tests are being made in order to prove the genuineness of all seeds and the value of new introductions in their relative merits with existing varieties. Varieties under the same name, but from different firms and from different countries, are also brought side by side, thus enabling the grower to see at a glance the value and character of each. So, for this reason, a visit to FORDHOOK FARM is of the greatest benefit to the scientist, the seed grower, and the seedsman alike.

Too much credit cannot be given to MR. W. ATLEE BURPEE, the head of the great Philadelphia firm, for the energy he has displayed and the capital he has expended in order to make the experiments carried on at this perfect model farm of the utmost value, not only to himself, but to the whole nation.—*The beginning of a long illustrated article in THE FLORISTS' EXCHANGE, New York, September 29, 1894.*

## "A YEAR'S WORK AT FORDHOOK FARM,"

**With Fifty Beautiful Half-Tone Illustrations from Photographs.**

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Although the regular price is **10 cts.** (or free as a premium with a dollar order), we will, upon receipt of *two 2-cent stamps*, mail a copy to the address of any planter who desires to consult it *before sending* this season's order for seeds. Shall we mail YOU a copy NOW?

**W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., PHILADELPHIA.**



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**1. THE NEW CELLULOID PAPER CUTTER.** On the outside cover pages of *THE FARM ANNUAL* last year we showed a *fac-simile* of the handsome new Celluloid Paper Cutter, which we present **FREE** as a *Souvenir* to every customer whose order amounts to not less than one dollar, and *who asks for it* when ordering. *See illustration of one side herewith.*

**2. A FINE PAINTING OF SWEET PEAS**, size 15 x 18 inches, especially designed for framing. This is truly a work of art, and faithfully presents six beautifully arranged bouquets of new Sweet Peas, painted from nature at *FORDHOOK FARM*, during the summer of 1894, by the skilled artist, *MR. F. C. SCHLITZER*, of New York, under the personal supervision of the *REV. W. T. HUTCHINS*, the celebrated specialist, of Massachusetts. In order that it may adorn the homes of lovers of *this favorite flower* throughout the world, we offer it at **10 cents per copy**, carefully mailed in a pasteboard tube.

**3. FLOWERS FOR EVERY HOME.** This new book tells how to grow successfully flowers from seed, both indoors and out. It has been written by *E. D. DARLINGTON*, who for many years has been the general superintendent of our trial grounds. Few writers have had such opportunities *to learn flowers*, and what he knows the author tells in language that can be easily understood. Price **10 cents**.

**4. VEGETABLES FOR THE HOME GARDEN.** A valuable new book for 1896, which will fill a *long-felt want*. Everyone who cultivates vegetables for the home table should have it. See page 11. Price **10 cents**.

**5. A YEAR'S WORK AT FORDHOOK FARM.** This most attractive little book has been welcomed already by *tens of thousands* of our customers, who are glad to learn more of *FORDHOOK* and to see, through the eyes of our *camera*, just how it looks at different seasons. Price **10 cents**. *See preceding page.*

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The above premiums are for sale at **10 cents each**; any three for **25 cents**, or the set of six for **50 cents**, postpaid, by mail, to any address.

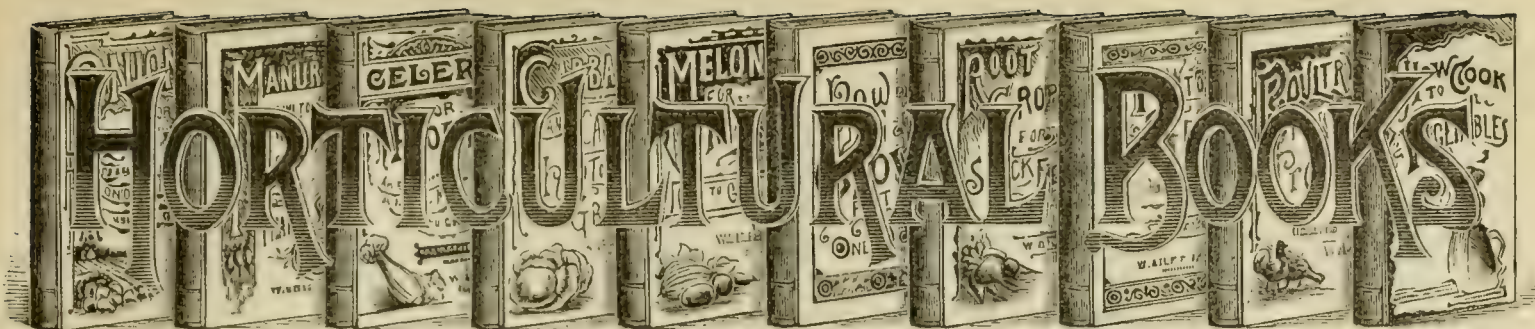
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**Seed Growing**  
Embracing Papers Read at the  
**WORLD'S HORTICULTURAL CONGRESS**  
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MODERN METHODS OF THE SEED TRADE  
**SEED GROWING at FORDHOOK FARM.**  
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PHILADELPHIA.





We believe it part of a sound business policy to sell not only **the best Seeds that grow**, but also to diffuse among our friends knowledge that will be helpful in producing and marketing fine crops and in beautifying the environments of the home. This conviction finds expression in the series of publications announced in these pages, and which from year to year has been added to until we now offer a very complete and useful library of educational works. These books should be in every rural home, and since they can be secured for so small an outlay of cash, or are given entirely free as premiums on seed orders, every one should have them.

**Books FREE as Premiums.** With high standard and low price, we go further,—by allowing **a credit of ten cents on every dollar** sent for seeds, plants, or bulbs toward the purchase of any book we publish that the purchaser may desire. Thus, a \$2.00 order, with 10 cents added, will secure any book offered for 30 cents; with 30 cents added, any book offered for 50 cents. Or, a \$3.00 order will secure free any book offered for 30 cents, or a \$5.00 order any one offered for 50 cents, and so on.

*It will be noticed that these premiums are entirely FREE, and do not prevent the selection of \$1.25 WORTH of seeds in packets for EACH \$1.00 sent us for seeds in packets. If the purchaser's order is all for seeds by weight or measure, on which we do not allow this discount, he is still entitled to the selection of any of the books named below, OR the premiums on pages 6 and 11.*

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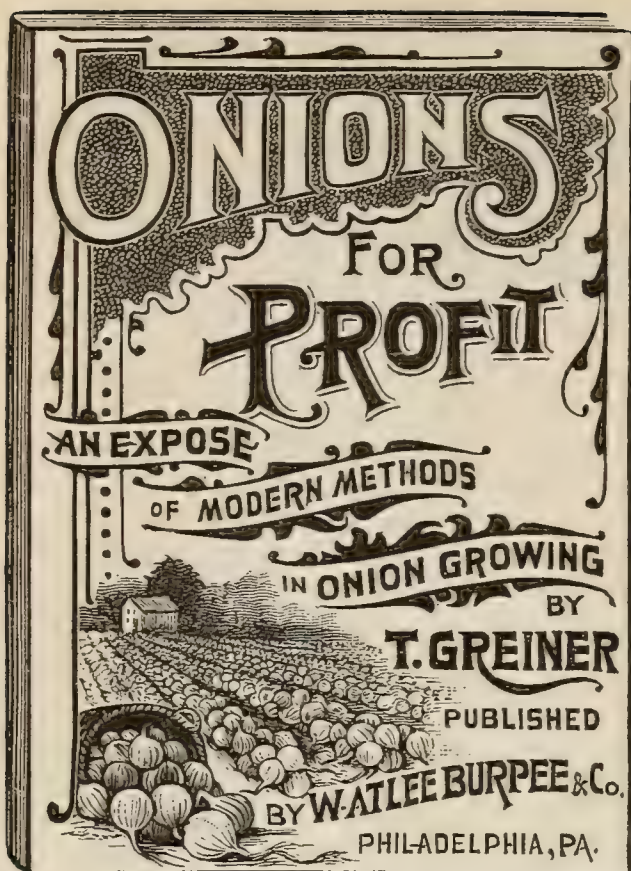
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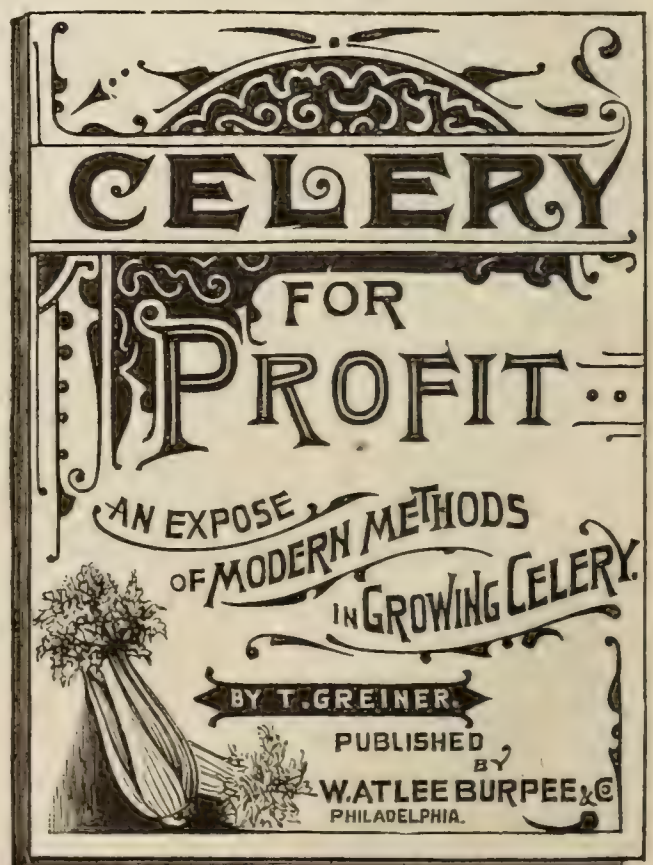
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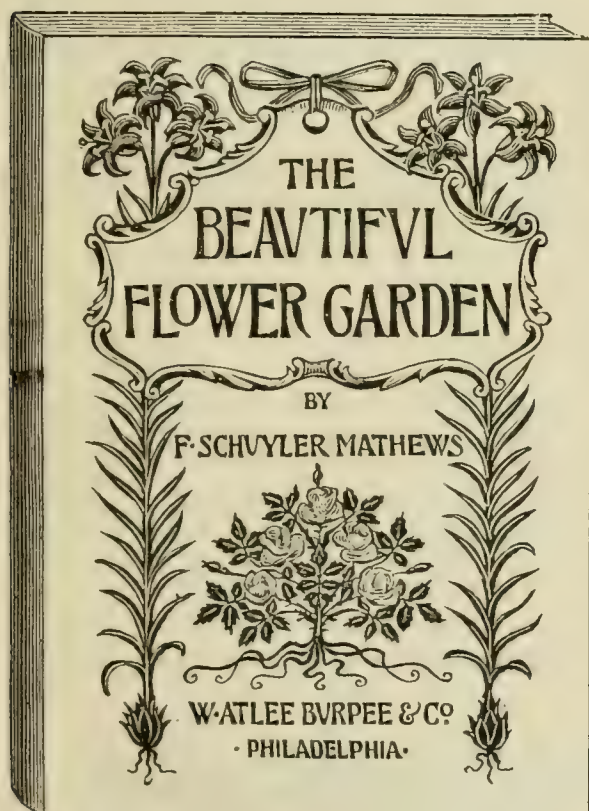
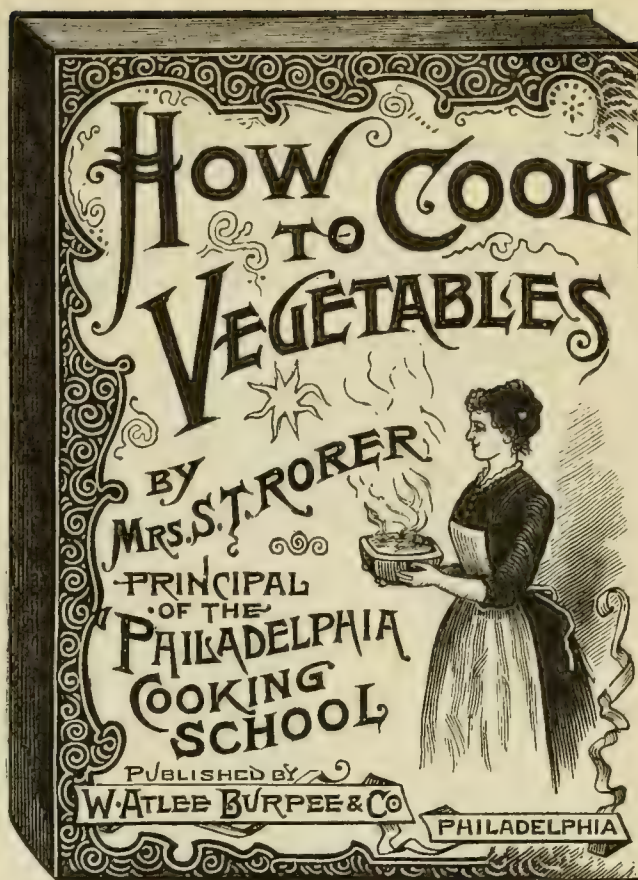
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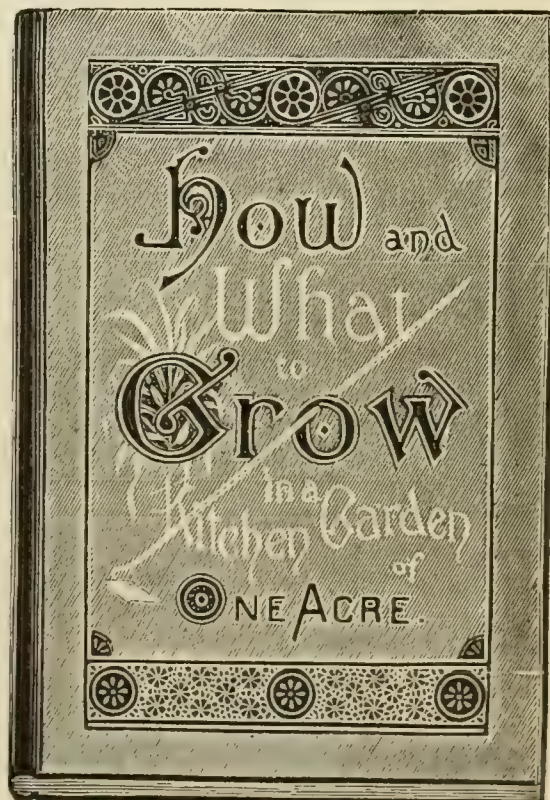
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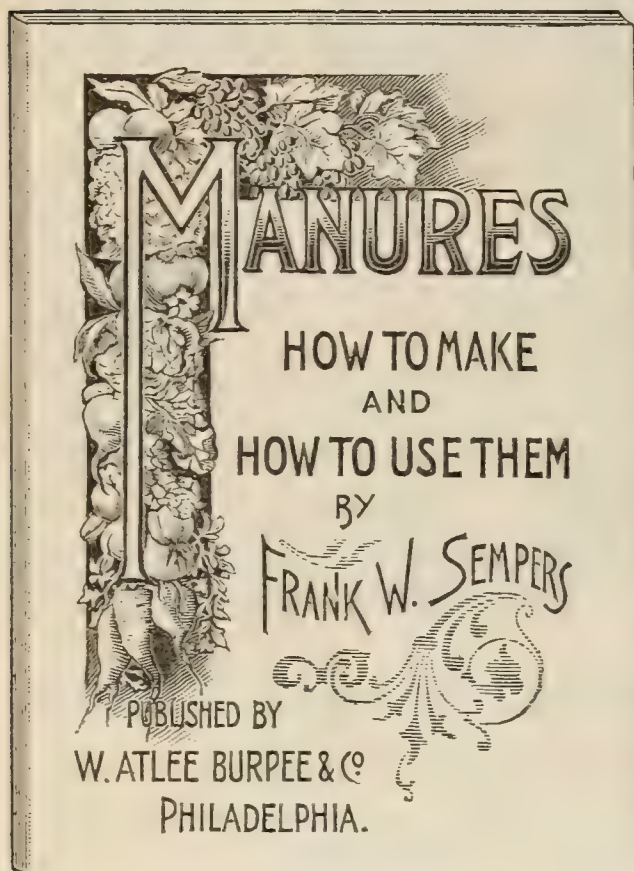




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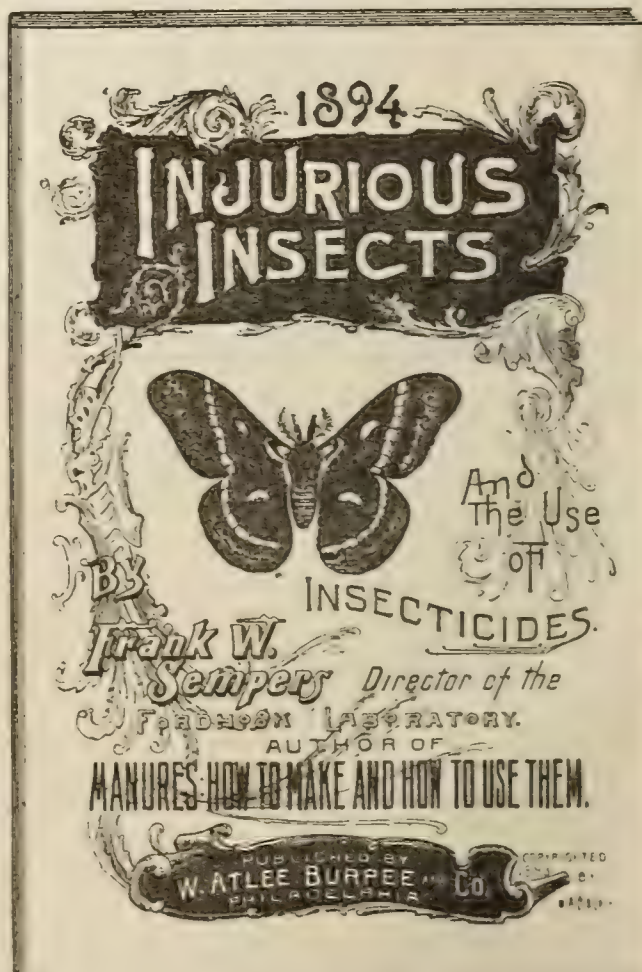
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The keen appetite for "Novelties" now leads every hybridizer or discoverer, particularly European growers, to herald any variation or improvement as something new and extremely valuable, painting its description in glowing colors. To appease this appetite too many seedsmen take the so-called new varieties under the introducers' descriptions and herald them broadcast throughout the land, without any personal knowledge as to their respective merits or demerits. This is seldom safe. A seedsman's customers have the right to assume that they can trust the descriptions in his catalogue. Never, unless in very exceptional cases, should the seedsman run the risk of betraying this confidence by recommending a variety of which he knows nothing personally; it is better to wait a year to test the variety and prove whether it be of real merit or not.

From a mere pecuniary standpoint it never "pays" in the long run to introduce or recommend a novelty unless it is both distinct and valuable: it is far better to hold the confidence of one's customers so that they will recognize the fact that reliance can be placed in the statements of their favorite seedsman. Although given centuries before trial grounds were thought of, there can be no better rule for their conduct to-day than "To prove all things, and hold fast to that which is good."

W. ATLEE BURPEE.

The above extract, from a paper on "THE SEEDSMAN'S TRIAL GROUNDS," shows the principle upon which we have always relied in the introduction of NOVELTIES. This address in full, together with a number of other important papers, read at Chicago in August, 1893, is printed in the World's Fair book, "SELECTION IN SEED GROWING," which, as stated on page 6, may be selected as a premium.

The unequalled record on page 12 shows the success we have had in the introduction of **only NOVELTIES of real merit and permanent value.**

Purchasers of **SEEDS IN PACKETS** are entitled to select **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS' WORTH** extra for each **ONE DOLLAR'S WORTH ORDERED.** Thus, each purchaser sending one dollar may select *seeds in packets* to the value of \$1.25; for \$2.00, to the value of \$2.50; for \$3.00, to the value of \$3.75, etc.,—*seeds in packets only* of either vegetables or flowers.

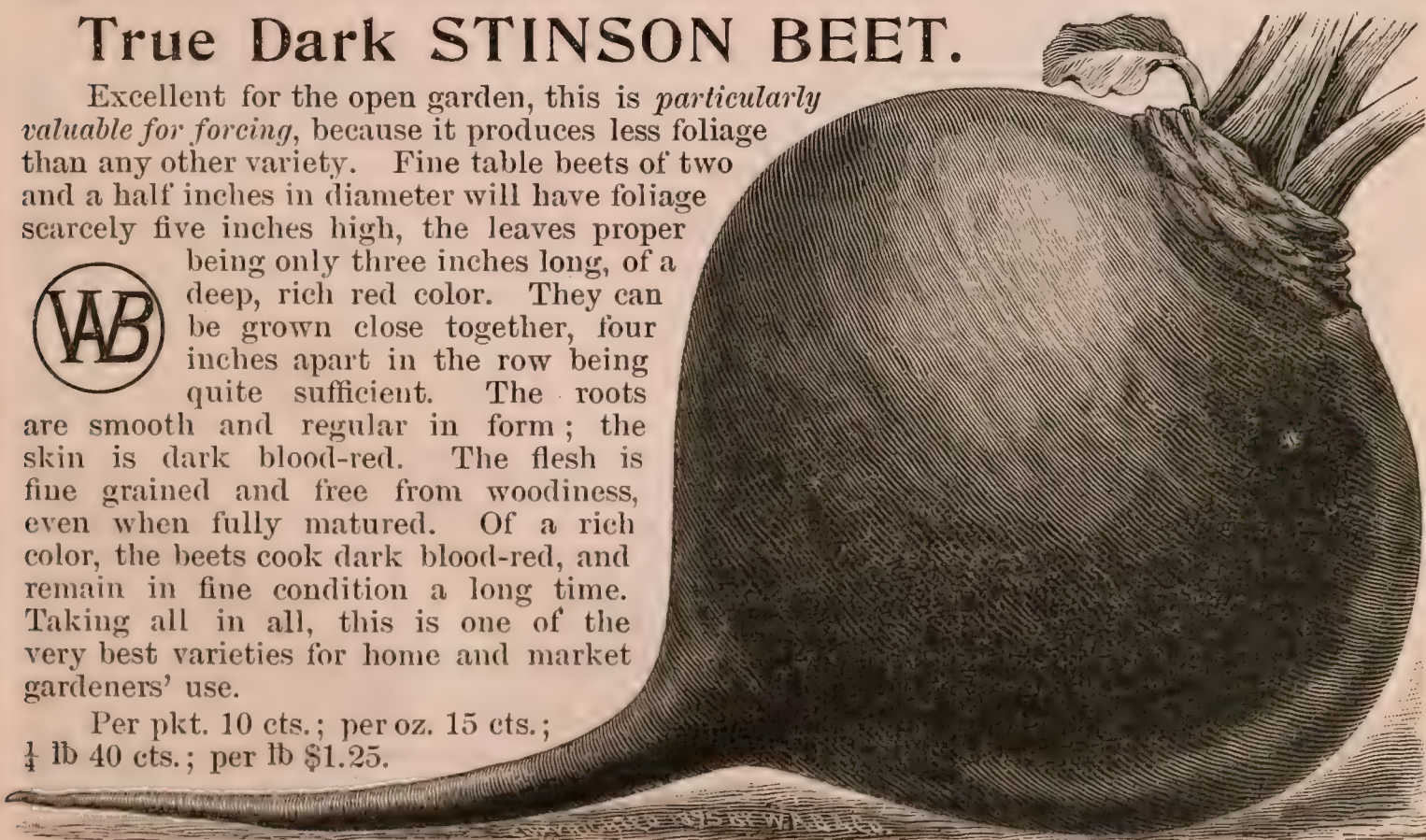
Furthermore, on **EVERY order for One Dollar** the purchaser is entitled to select, **FREE**, any of the **SIX NEW PREMIUMS** offered on page 6, **OR** to a credit of **10 per cent.** toward the purchase of any of the useful **BOOKS** on pages 7 to 11.

## True Dark STINSON BEET.

Excellent for the open garden, this is *particularly valuable for forcing*, because it produces less foliage than any other variety. Fine table beets of two and a half inches in diameter will have foliage scarcely five inches high, the leaves proper

being only three inches long, of a deep, rich red color. They can be grown close together, four inches apart in the row being quite sufficient. The roots are smooth and regular in form; the skin is dark blood-red. The flesh is fine grained and free from woodiness, even when fully matured. Of a rich color, the beets cook dark blood-red, and remain in fine condition a long time. Taking all in all, this is one of the very best varieties for home and market gardeners' use.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 15 cts.;  
¼ lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.





# BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

The First and Only  
DWARF LARGE  
LIMA BEAN.

"THE MOST REMARKABLE  
OF NEW VEGETABLES."



BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

*This illustration was accurately engraved from a Photograph of the Bush winning THE NATIONAL PRIZE in 1893 and bearing 358 pods. On the first prize bush in 1894 we counted 439 pods.*

358 pods  
were borne  
upon this bush.

"Upon our grounds this has been the best variety of Dwarf Lima."—PROF. L. H. BAILEY, *Cornell University*.

## BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

Never in the history of the seed trade has any variety created such a profound sensation as this,

—"the most remarkable of new vegetables;" the **only** bush form of the **True delicious Large Lima**. It is pronounced by all good judges as unquestionably **The Real Bush Lima**, distinct and superior in every way,—in its splendidly vigorous, upright, bushy habit of growth, great uniformity and trueness to type, and bearing the luscious **large Lima beans in great abundance**. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it. The largest Lima Beans can now be raised in quantity at small cost, without the expense and labor attached to the use of poles.



**BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA comes absolutely true from seed.** The bushes grow eighteen to twenty inches high, of stout growth and always erect, yet branching so vigorously that each plant develops into a magnificent circular bush from *two to three feet in diameter*. It is an immense yielder, the handsome large pods being well filled with very large beans, identical in size and luscious flavor to the well-known large Pole Limas.

PROF. L. H. BAILEY, in Bulletin No. 87 (1895) of the Cornell University Experiment Station, in speaking of the economic value of the Dwarf Limas, says: "I am convinced that these Beans as a class are very valuable. Their great merit is earliness. They are from two weeks to a month earlier than the tall varieties, from which they come. Their productiveness has not been reduced in proportion to the reduction in size of the plants, so that I believe it is possible in the North to secure greater total yield per acre from the dwarf than the pole varieties, seeing that the plants require less room. They are also much cheaper to grow."

This opinion was confirmed by our own inquiry when visiting the great Lima Bean district of California, where we found **BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA** could be grown much more cheaply than the large Pole Limas, and that **larger yields per acre** were obtained. *Last season it was impossible to supply the great demand for the seed.*

Prices of the genuine seed of **BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA**, warranted true:—  
Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per pint 30 cts.; per quart 55 cts., postpaid.  
By express or freight: Per pint 20 cts.; per quart 40 cts.; 2 quarts for 75 cts.;  
4 quarts for \$1.25; per peck \$2.25; ½ bushel \$4.25; per bushel \$8.50.





**BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK** is the best Wax Bean in cultivation. While productive and profitable to grow for market, the **SADDLE-BACK**, unlike many recent "novelties," is of the **most superb quality**, surpassing all other Wax Beans in the rich flavor of its stringless, fleshy pods: It is a cross between the *Yosemite Mammoth* or *Monster Wax* and the *Black-Eyed War*, and originated in Genesee County, N. Y., with MESSRS. N. B. KEENEY & SON, who are the largest growers of Beans in the world.

**BURPEE'S SADDLE - BACK WAX** marks the **greatest improvement in Wax Beans**. In combining handsome appearance for market and rare quality for table use it is *unapproached by any other variety in cultivation*. The growth of the bush is vigorous, the foliage being sufficiently profuse to shade the ground and keep it moist, hence this variety is not likely to suffer severely in a dry season. It is a very profuse bearer, the plants in ordinary field culture usually bearing from twenty-five to forty pods each. The pods are long, straight, round, *very full of meat*, and are *absolutely stringless*. When the pods are broken between the beans there is no open space,—the pods being filled with meat, and can be sliced like a cucumber without showing any hollow space.

The **Saddle-Back** character of the pods (as accurately shown in the engraving), with the superb quality, will eventually almost drive the flatter-pod beans out of market. We have received letters of *most enthusiastic praise*, with which we could fill many pages, all going to prove that **BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK** is **unequaled in quality, with handsome, fleshy pods as thick as they are wide and always absolutely stringless**.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per pint 30 cts.; per quart 55 cts., by mail, postpaid. By express or freight: Per quart 40 cts.; 2 quarts for 75 cts.; 4 quarts for \$1.25; per peck \$2.25; bushel \$8.00.

#### **BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA BEANS are Unequaled!**

C. W. DURHAM, New York, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1895, writes:—Last June I planted about one hundred and forty hills of **BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA BEANS** in my garden on the summit of the Shawangunk Mountains, at an actual elevation of 1875 feet above sea level, in ground which had been cultivated only one season and was quite poor. The result was a complete success, and I secured a large crop—the first time Lima Beans had ever matured in my neighborhood. The Beans were remarkable for size and *extraordinary sweetness*. You will please understand I am an amateur and never planted a Lima Bean in my life before. I had also fifty plants from your *Matchless Tomato* seed, and they proved to be all you claim for them.

NATURAL  
SIZE  
PODS.

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**BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD** is most happily named, as it is quite unique,—**the only stringless green-pod** Bush Bean in cultivation. Consequently it surpasses all others in crisp, tender flavor. The illustration herewith, taken from nature, shows the width and thickness of the beautiful, straight, green pods; *all are absolutely stringless* and of the beautiful fleshy appearance shown. The pods are ready to market **two weeks earlier** than the best stock of *Improved Extra Early Red Valentines*, in fact, even earlier than the *Early Yellow Six Weeks*, which, as all know, is valuable only for its extra earliness, being of inferior quality. **BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD** is of immense value not only to the market gardener who wants to *make more money*, but also to the amateur who seeks finest quality for the home table.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per pint 30 cts.; per quart 60 cts., by mail, postpaid. By express or freight: Per pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts.; 2 quarts 80 cts.; 4 quarts \$1.50; per peck \$2.50.

The growers, MESSRS. KEENEY & SON, of Genesee County, New York, write:—"The new **STRINGLESS GREEN-POD BEAN**, of which you are the fortunate purchaser, is **the only absolutely stringless green-podded Bean** in the market to-day, and it is even *earlier* than the *Long Yellow Six Weeks*, while the pod is round and full, longer and straighter than the *Red Valentine*, and therefore is superior to either of these varieties in appearance, as well as in quality."

### THE PRIZE BUSHES.

Last season we offered four prizes for the most prolific bushes of **THE STRINGLESS GREEN-POD BEAN**. The first prize of \$50.00 was won by MR. L. P. COPPINGTON, Cornland, Mo., with a bush on which *we counted at our warehouse 186 pods*; the second prize of \$25.00 was won by MR. JOSEPH MORGAN, Cornland, Mo., who sent us a bush bearing **174 pods**, while the third and fourth prizes were won with plants bearing **133** and **117 pods**, grown by MR. J. P. AYERS, Homer, Ga., and MR. W. S. DILL, Sandy Flat, S. C.

#### Beyond All Comparison!

A. M. POWERS, St. Amant, La., July 15, 1895, writes:—It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to state that all the seeds I received from you this season have proved first class in every respect. The **STRINGLESS GREEN-POD BEAN** is too far ahead of everything of the kind to bear any comparison at all; we had stalks with over fifty pods.

MRS. J. H. STEELE, Flippen, Ga., June 28, 1895, writes:—I have never seen a Bean to equal your **STRINGLESS GREEN POD**. It is *the most prolific* and by far *the best flavored Bush Bean* I have ever grown.

#### The Best Bean on the Market!

H. G. SCHURICHT, Collinsville, Ill., July 15, 1895, writes:—**BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD** is the finest Bean I ever planted; from the *three packets* of seed I have sold *one and one-half bushels* of Beans and am still picking. Everyone says it is *the best Bean on the market*.

MRS. E. M. HERNDON, White Sulphur, Ky., Aug. 6, 1895, writes:—The **STRINGLESS GREEN-POD BUSH BEAN** I got from you this spring is *the best Bean* and *most prolific bearer* I have ever seen and is so pronounced by numbers who have eaten and seen them growing in my garden.



## Keeney's Rustless Golden Wax Dwarf Bean.

This new Bean combines hardiness and productiveness with fine quality; is a vigorous bush variety with entire freedom from rust. It puts forth short tendrils on which pods are formed in addition to those near the central stalk of the plant, which accounts for its great productiveness, amounting, under favorable conditions, to 100 to 150 fold. The pods, although flat when young, are meaty and well-filled, and semi-round later; of rich yellow color, fine quality, and entirely stringless, even when large enough to shell. If the pods are picked as fast as developed, the plant continues to furnish a bountiful supply for an unusually long season.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid. By express or freight: Per quart 40 cts.; 4 qts. \$1.25; peck \$2.25; per bushel \$8.00.

## DAVIS WHITE WAX.

This distinct new dwarf Wax Bean was introduced simultaneously last year by three well-known seed firms. From thorough trials at FORDHOOK FARM and careful inspection in the field growing for seed, we must confess that, in our opinion, the pods are too "stringy" and tough for it ever to become popular in the family garden or for a choice market trade. It is, however, the best *white-seeded* Wax Bean, of handsome appearance, very productive, and will doubtless meet the requirements of canners. "It is so productive that the vines are absolutely a mass of pods; it holds its pods well up from the ground.

The pods are always full of large, plump beans; being pure white, with no eye, it is just the bean canners have been looking for." Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 40 cts.; quart 75 cts., by mail. By express or freight: Per quart 60 cts.; 4 quarts \$2.00; per peck \$3.75; per bushel \$14.00.

## Ford's Mammoth-Podded Pole Lima Bean.

This Philadelphia strain is now in large demand and seems to have given general satisfaction. We have not offered the seed before, as from our trials at FORDHOOK FARM we could not see that it surpassed our own stock of *King of the Garden Limas*, either in size or quality. The past season, however, we have grown a fine crop, and will leave our customers to judge how fully it deserves the praise given in the introducer's description quoted below:—

"This grand new Lima Bean is the result of over twenty years' selection by one of the oldest and most successful market gardeners around Philadelphia. **In mammoth size, great productiveness, and fine quality** it far surpasses even the **King of the Garden**. The pods grow to an average length of eight inches, and are produced in great clusters, with from five to seven beans per pod, of most excellent quality for using either green or dry. The vines grow vigorously, setting the beans early at the bottom of the pole, and continue in bearing right up to frost. **Ford's Mammoth-Podded** is without exception the **largest-podded, finest-flavored, and most productive of all Lima Beans.**"

We would only add that FORD'S MAMMOTH-PODDED is certainly a fine strain of large lima beans, quite equal to *King of the Garden*, described on page 43.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 60 cts., postpaid.

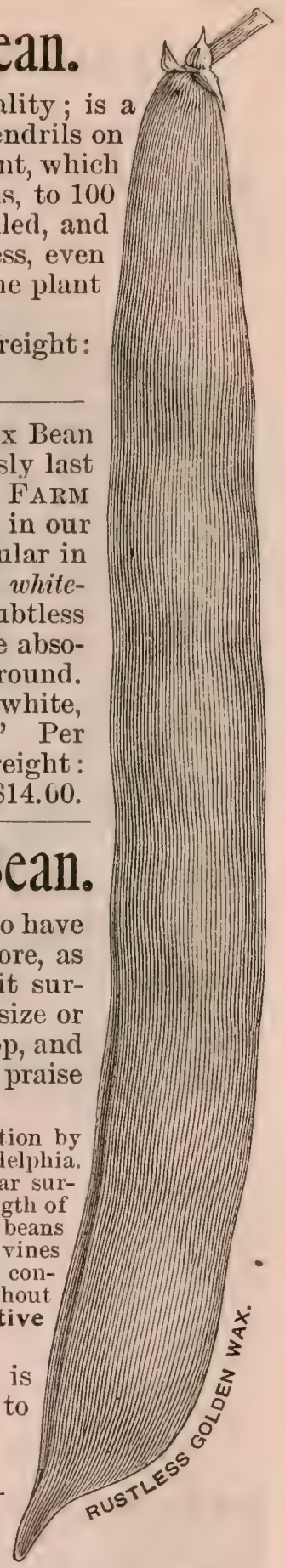
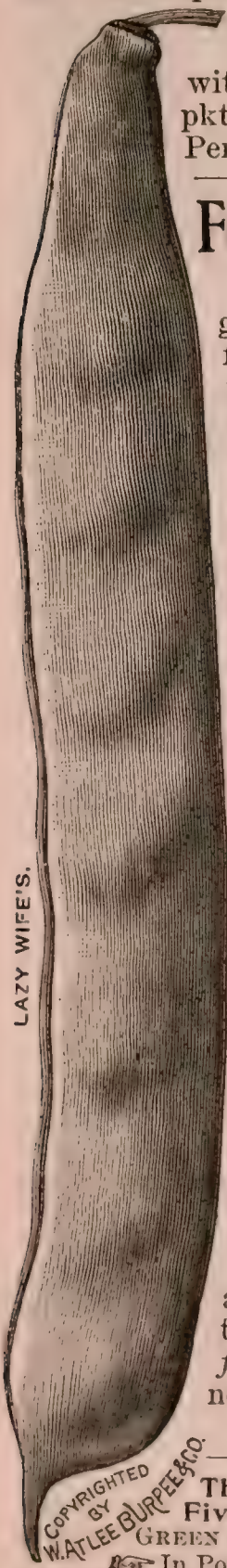
## LAZY WIFE'S POLE BEAN.

Although *no longer a novelty*, the fact that we now have sufficient seed to supply all demands warrants us in calling prominent attention to its exceptional merits. For many years it has been the favorite with our Bucks County farmers, and has become immensely popular wherever known throughout the entire country. We presume it derived its name, which seems to us rather discourteous, from its immense productiveness, making it very easy to gather a dish, and from the ease with which they are cooked. The pods, of medium, dark-green color, are produced in great abundance, and measure from four and a half to six inches in length; the illustration represents a natural size pod; they are broad, thick; *very fleshy* and *entirely stringless*. The pods retain their rich, tender, and stringless qualities until nearly ripe, and at all stages are *unsurpassed for snap-shorts*, being peculiarly *luscious*. Many persons have testified that they never ate a bean quite so good in distinct, rich flavor. **See also page 42.**

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per pint 30 cts.; per quart 55 cts., postpaid.

That we "**KNOW BEANS**" is fully demonstrated by the fact that we first introduced the **Five Finest Beans** known to-day in five distinct classes: the SADDLE-BACK WAX, the STRINGLESS GREEN POD, and BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA in Dwarf Beans.

In Pole Beans the best wax-podded variety is BURPEE'S SUNSHINE, while of all Limas the *earliest* in cultivation (also the *best flavored for winter use*) is the NEW EARLY BLACK LIMA,—see page 43.



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## NEW WINTER CABBAGE,—LUPTON.

This new Winter Cabbage originated from one head, first selected some years ago, by MR. J. M. LUPTON, the well-known grower of Cabbage on Long Island, and who is also author of "CABBAGE AND CAULIFLOWER FOR PROFIT," published by us last year,—see page 7. Knowing it to be a fine Winter Cabbage, we asked MR. LUPTON to write a careful description for THE FARM ANNUAL. Below we print his description *verbatim* :—



THE LUPTON CABBAGE. *From a Photograph.*

"THE LUPTON CABBAGE is the result of an effort to combine in one variety the best qualities of the second-early and the late sorts. All late sorts are good because of their strong constitution and vigorous growth, and objectionable because they cannot be bred so true and will produce sports and wild growth. The second-early sorts, on the other hand, can be bred very true and are of better quality, but they have not the constitution of the late ones, and under unfavorable conditions, due to insects or other causes, will sometimes fail absolutely when a late sort might produce a partial crop. Now, if we could make the LUPTON CABBAGE combine the best points of the second-early and late sorts we should have the best main-crop Cabbage. To a certain extent it does this.

"I do not know of anything with a more healthy constitution, but we have not fully gotten rid of the sports, and I don't know as we ever shall, but after all I do not know of a Cabbage which I would as soon plant for a main-crop variety as this one. It is a

little earlier than any one of the various strains of *Flat Dutch* and *Drumhead* and of closer growth. The heads are particularly large in proportion to the plant, which grows strong but does not spread out much. The stalk is rather short, color dark green. In a great measure we appear to have succeeded in getting rid of the coarseness of the late sorts, as the quality is fine; it is also *one of the best keepers we have*, and comes out in the spring bright and fresh; the heads are not likely to crack open, although it will not stand as long as *All Seasons*, which is quite a remarkable Cabbage in this respect. As for uniformity, it will grow more uniform and head better than the late varieties, but does not equal the best second-early sorts, of which BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY is the most perfect type. In this respect we hope to make some improvements later on."

We offer the finest seed of THE LUPTON CABBAGE, crop of 1895, grown especially for us, under contract, by Mr. Lupton, the originator, on Long Island.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; 2 ozs. 50 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.

**BURPEE'S WORLD-BEATER** is the largest hard-heading Cabbage in cultivation,—see page 51. In order to ascertain just how large and heavy it can be grown we will pay a cash prize of \$50.00 for the heaviest head grown from seed bought of us this season. A circular giving particulars of this and other cash prizes will be sent with the seeds, if requested on the order. We have again prepared for an interesting competition among our customers.

**DANISH BALL-HEAD CABBAGE.** While in Denmark in 1886 we discovered a variety of Cabbage called, from the shape of the head, **Ball-Head**, which the Danes prize so highly that they grow it almost exclusively for winter cabbage, and annually export large quantities. It has been selected for more than fifty years by the Danish gardeners. The seed we offer is our own private importation from one of the best growers in Denmark. The heads are hard, round, of good marketable size, fine grained and good keepers. The heads are not so large as *Late Flat Dutch*, which is better suited to our market. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 45 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$4.50.



Above is the description from THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1893. Since then we have not offered seed of THE DANISH BALL-HEAD, because of its "long legs" it does not make a handsome appearance in the field. However, again the past summer (1895) we traveled through Denmark, in company with our friend, MR. PEDERSEN-BJERGAARD, of Copenhagen (author of *Seed Growing in Denmark* in our World's Fair book, "SELECTION IN SEED GROWING"), and found that the demand from America was steadily increasing both for the cabbages by the ship-load and also for the seed. This shows conclusively that market gardeners have found it a profitable Cabbage to grow for winter market. We have had Mr. Pedersen secure for us a limited supply of the finest seed, grown in Denmark, on the Island of Amager, and offer as above, at \$4.50 per pound, postpaid.

For other Varieties of CABBAGE,—see pages 48 to 54.



# BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE.

BURPEE'S ALLHEAD is the **earliest** of all large Cabbage, and is **fully one-third larger** than any other early summer Cabbage. The deep, flat heads are remarkably solid, and the most uniform in color, shape, and size of any early variety in cultivation. As tenderness is the result of rapid growth, it surpasses all others in this respect. The heads grow so compactly and are so free from spreading leaves, that fully one thousand more heads can be obtained to the acre. It is wonderfully adaptable,—**really an all-the-year-round Cabbage.** It is the most thoroughbred of all American Cabbages.

Pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. for 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

The illustration below was accurately engraved from a few heads in the foreground of a photograph of one of our fields. It shows the *uniformity* of BURPEE'S ALLHEAD, just as it grows in the field.



## 1890.—An Expert Opinion, before Introduction.

C. L. ALLEN, the well-known Cabbage grower of Queens County, N. Y., wrote us after reading our description:—I would say that in all my experience in the cultivation of Cabbage, I have never seen a variety that possessed so many good qualities as this. Your claims for BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE seem very high, but after a careful inspection of the crop I cannot question one of the points you claim.

## 1891.—ALLHEAD is the Best of All.

W. D. HARTMAN, Allentown, Pa., Aug. 3, 1891, writes:—Your ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE is the very best I ever saw; the heads are heavy, solid, fine-grained, tender, and sweet. It surpasses all other kinds and, best of all, seems to be the very earliest of all varieties. I sold 200 plants to a neighbor, and he says he will not plant any other kind hereafter, for it is the peer of all Cabbages.

E. MILLER, Highland, N. Y., writes:—I take pleasure in reporting my success with BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE. They are all you claim for them, and make a sure head for every plant set out, and are the finest and sweetest-flavored Cabbage I ever ate at this time of the year. I had large heads in just 43 days from the time I set the plants out in the open ground.

## 1892.—100 Cabbages from Every 100 Plants.

R. HEMPHILL, Wetmore, Kan., Jan. 12, 1892, writes:—I planted ALLHEAD EARLY, Surehead, and Short-Stem Drumhead Cabbages last spring, and the result was 100 good Cabbages from every 100 plants set out. I intend to do some business with the plants this spring, as I could not supply the demand with the few I had last year.

MERRILL PATERSON, South Barre, Vt., Sept. 19, 1892, writes:—You are entitled to a report from me regarding your seeds, which I have found to be very reliable. I started a few plants of BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE in the house and set them out the last of April, commenced cutting July 25th, and sold them all to one man. The land on which I raised them measured 28 feet wide by 62 feet long, and produced one ton of Cabbages, which is at the rate of 24½ tons to the acre,—can your Long Island gardeners do any better?

## 1893.—ALLHEAD and SUREHEAD Ahead of All.

JAMES T. DEAN, Bradgate, Iowa, writes:—BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE proved a great success. It was decidedly early, as I used it before the *Early Jersey Wakefield* grown in the same patch; it had formed large, solid heads. I have chosen BURPEE'S ALLHEAD as the only early Cabbage this year, as you will see by the enclosed order for seed. I think that I have in ALLHEAD for early and SUREHEAD for late the two best Cabbages for all practical purposes that can possibly be found, and I have tried nearly all the leading kinds.

## 1894.—ALLHEAD is the People's Delight.

F. W. KEY, Lenox, Ga., Jan. 1, 1894, writes:—I have tried several varieties of Cabbage planted side by side with the BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY, gave them all the same fertilization, and find none to compare with the Allhead Early. I have a thousand heads of this variety that are all fine and solid. I set plants out September 15th, and by the 15th of December they were ready for market, and I had no trouble to sell them. BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY Cabbage has been *rightly named*; I also call it the *People's Delight*, as they came from far and near, and were delighted to see them.

## 1895.—The Best Two Cabbages.

E. C. SHERWOOD, Closter, N. J., Sept. 30, 1895, writes:—The sample Cabbage seeds, *Vandergaw* and *World-beater*, were very fine, large, and solid, but I really think there is nothing can beat ALLHEAD EARLY and SUREHEAD, and I shall stick to them.

E. C. MOSER, Claysville, Pa., June 11, 1895, writes:—I planted one packet of your ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE, and then planted two packets of *Fottler's Early Drumhead* bought of another seedsman, and the result was that one packet of your Allhead Early made as many plants as the other two packets.

*If planters everywhere only knew the superlative excellence of the ALLHEAD Early Cabbage, even our large supply of seed would not suffice to meet the demand. It is unequaled as an early summer Cabbage, and is fully as good for winter use, being really an all-the-year-round Cabbage. See also page 49.*



## NEW CELERY,—“PINK PLUME.”



When first introduced two years ago, knowing how justly popular the *White Plume Celery* had become, we purchased from the originators, at a high price, a number of sealed packets of this beautiful new Celery. We are glad to say that on trial at FORDHOOK FARM it has proved worthy of the confidence we had, both as to its dainty appearance and fine quality. We therefore take pleasure in recommending it under the introducers' description as follows:—

This new variety is conceded by critical authorities to be an advance in celeries that merits more than ordinary praise; it is an intermediate between white and red celeries, combining the good qualities of both.

To those who are acquainted with “*White Plume*” we can quickly describe the “**PINK PLUME**” by stating that it is practically identical, but with the added merit of the stalks being exquisitely suffused with pink and possessing the crispness, rich nutty flavor, and long-keeping qualities for which red celeries are noted. Red celeries, notwithstanding their superior flavor, have never become popular in this country on account of the prejudice against their dark appearance. But in this new celery, “**PINK PLUME**,” in addition to its choice “red celery flavor,” we have a celery of remarkable attractiveness when trimmed for the table. The solid succulent stalks are **ivory-white suffused with dainty pink**, which not only delight the eye but tempt the palate of the epicure.

HENDERSON'S NEW “**PINK PLUME**” CELERY is a strong, healthy, compact grower, with no tendency to rust; stems very solid and crisp, extra early and a long keeper, remaining when properly trenched in perfect condition away into the spring. The variegation on the tops does not show quite as early as the “*White Plume*,” but the celery blanches and matures really a little earlier. It is a self-blanching variety in the same sense that *White Plume* and *Golden Self-Blanching* are—that is, it requires but a slight earthing up or banking to prepare this variety for the table.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

## New Carrot,—MEAUX.

It is to France that we owe the origin of several fine Carrots introduced in recent years. THE MEAUX (pronounced *Mow*) is already known to many of our customers, as under the title “*A New Carrot from France*” we distributed thousands of sample packets in filling orders last spring.

All who have tried it agree that it is a most excellent variety both for table use and stock feeding. The roots are of large size, always smooth, thick, and hold their thickness well throughout their entire length. The skin and flesh are a bright reddish-orange, with a large yellow center—so tender throughout that it is truly “*coreless*.” The roots measure two and a half to three inches in diameter at the shoulder and gently taper to the *stump-rooted end*, which is one and a half inches across in a well-grown specimen. The carrots are eight to ten inches long, and fine roots can be grown only four inches apart, with fifteen inches between the rows, so it will be seen that it is a *great cropper*. Its productiveness, combined with the crisp tender quality of the flesh, will render THE MEAUX CARROT a popular favorite.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

## “KLECKLEY SWEETS.”

Under this name is known a **New Watermelon** which has become celebrated already in Alabama.

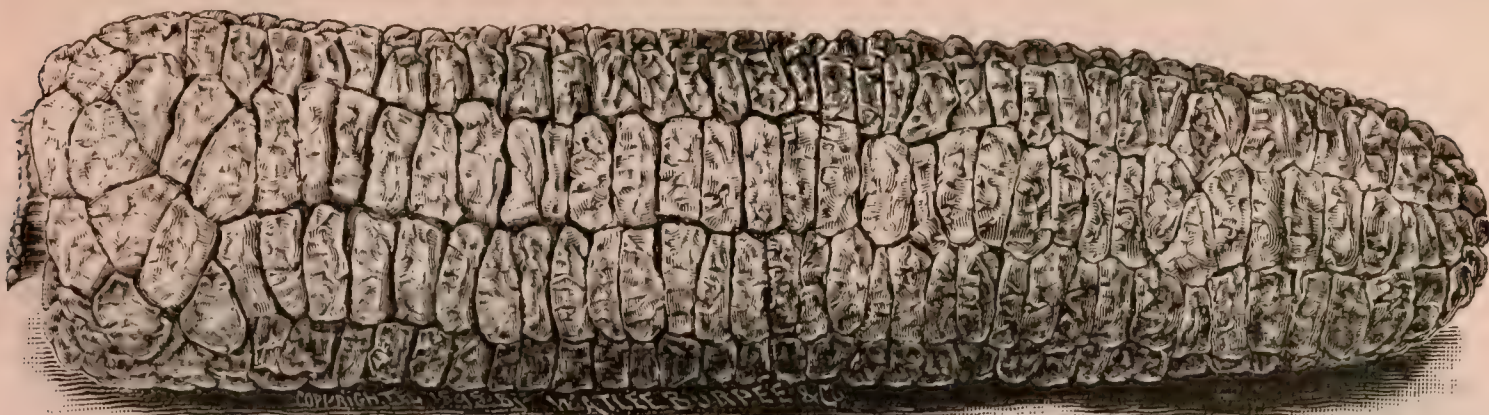
MR. W. A. KLECKLEY, the originator, wanted us to introduce it this year and furnished excellent testimony as to its value. We told him, however, that we must stick to our rule “*to prove all things*” before their introduction. Therefore we purchased 200 pounds of the seed to distribute gratis for trial among our customers,—then if the verdict is favorable we shall introduce the **KLECKLEY SWEETS as a New Watermelon in 1897.**

A description of the “**KLECKLEY SWEETS**” is printed on *each gratis seed packet*, together with a *special offer of Cash Prizes for the Largest Melons* raised this season, so that the variety may have a *thorough trial prior to its introduction*. As long as our supply of the seed lasts we will send a **packet FREE** to all who order any other Watermelon Seed from us this winter or spring,—*if so requested*.



See NOVELTIES FREE FOR TRIAL on page 30.





An Ear of EARLY FORDHOOK SWEET CORN. Engraved from a Photograph, reduced in size.

## SWEET CORN,—EARLY FORDHOOK.

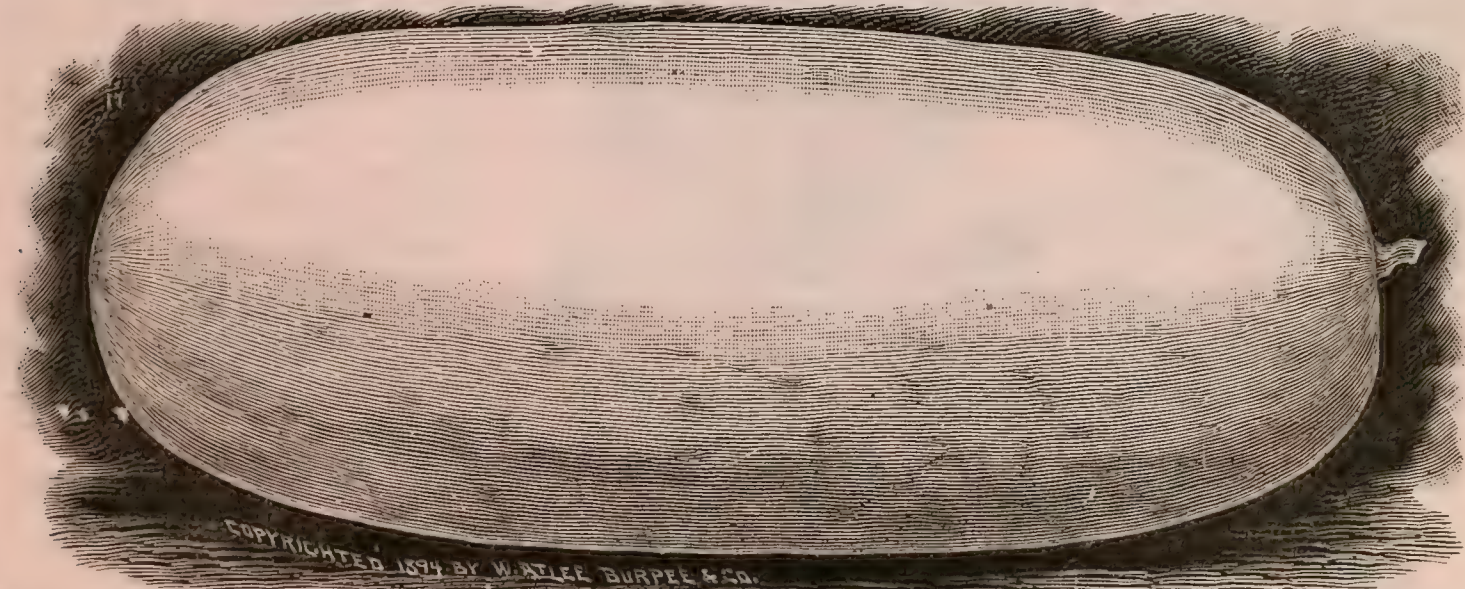
EARLY FORDHOOK is undoubtedly the largest-eared extra early Corn, averaging in length fully seven inches. The grains and cob are pure white. The ears are eight rowed with very small cobs and unusually deep grains. The quality is excellent, *decidedly sweeter than any other first early Sweet Corn.* S. D. WOODRUFF, of Connecticut, says:—

"It is of sweet and excellent flavor, so much superior to Cory that one would never think of eating Cory after once tasting this. A great objection to the Cory, which is one of the best-known standard early Corns, is its tendency to smut, while this new early variety is entirely free from smut."

Competent judges pronounce it superior to *Crosby* in flavor, while it is five to six days earlier. *It remains fit for table use longer than any other early Corn known.* The stalks grow about five feet high and average two ears each. In some instances it has ripened one to two days earlier than Cory, and in other cases one to two days later, so that it may be said to *equal Cory in earliness*, while far surpassing any extra early Sweet Corn in size, quality, sweetness, and entire freedom from smut. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid, by mail.

**IMPROVED RUBY SWEET CORN.** We sometimes make mistakes! And when we do we want our customers to tell us *immediately*, so that we can rectify them. The mistake we now allude to is that, only after more than two hundred thousand copies of the "form" containing pages 59 and 60 had been printed, did we discover that we had omitted the IMPROVED RUBY SWEET CORN! This is altogether too good a variety to omit, and hence, although no longer a "Novelty," we must describe it here.

THE IMPROVED RUBY, introduced by us in 1891, is entirely distinct from other varieties, by reason of the stalks and husks, which are of a *very handsome dark-red color*, giving it an odd and beautiful appearance in growth; the stalks grow from six to seven feet high and bear from two to three good ears. The ears are of large size, completely filled with large, pure white grains, closely packed on the red cob. The corn is of the *most delicious flavor*, and so *extremely sweet* that it is most palatable, even to eat raw in the field; it matures a little earlier than the Stowell's Evergreen. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; per quart 40 cts., postpaid.



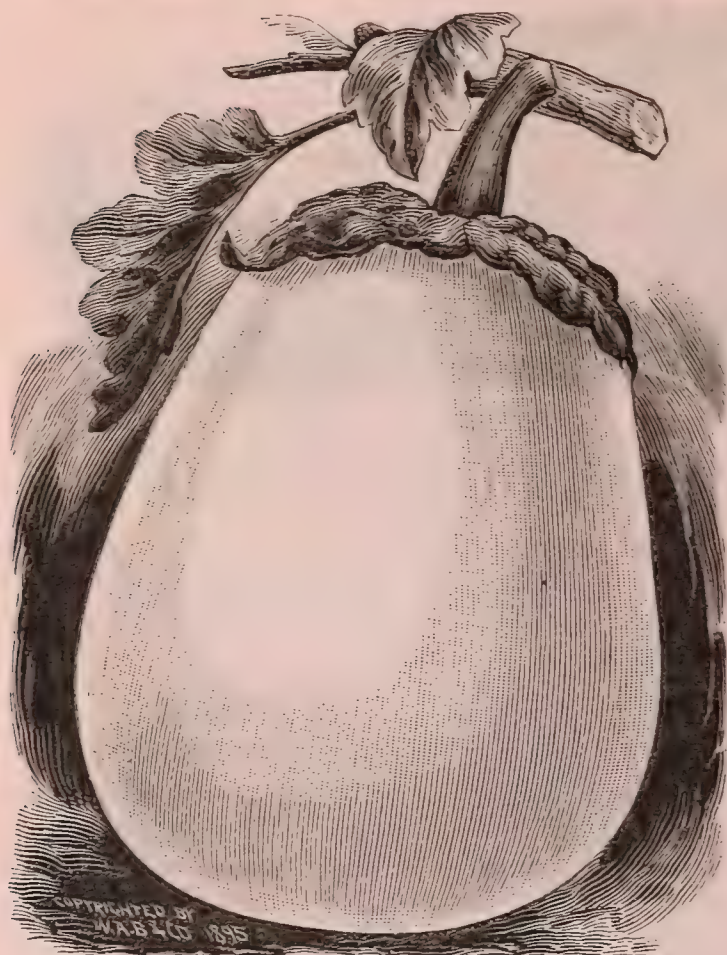
BURPEE'S WHITE WONDER CUCUMBER. Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.

## BURPEE'S WHITE WONDER CUCUMBER.

THE WHITE WONDER is noted for its handsome appearance and fine quality, while its strong, vigorous, extremely healthy habit of growth enables the vines to produce a large crop of perfect fruit, even under adverse conditions. The cucumbers are thickly set throughout the length of the vine and are uniform in color, shape, and size; they average about eight inches long by two to two and a half inches through; the skin is thin, while the pearly white flesh is *exquisitely fine in quality*, quite brittle, and remains solid for a long time. The color is always ivory-white. Owing to unusual hardiness of constitution, the WHITE WONDER can be planted earlier than most other Cucumbers, and is also a *sure cropper*.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, postpaid.





NEW EGG PLANT,—THE "PEARL."

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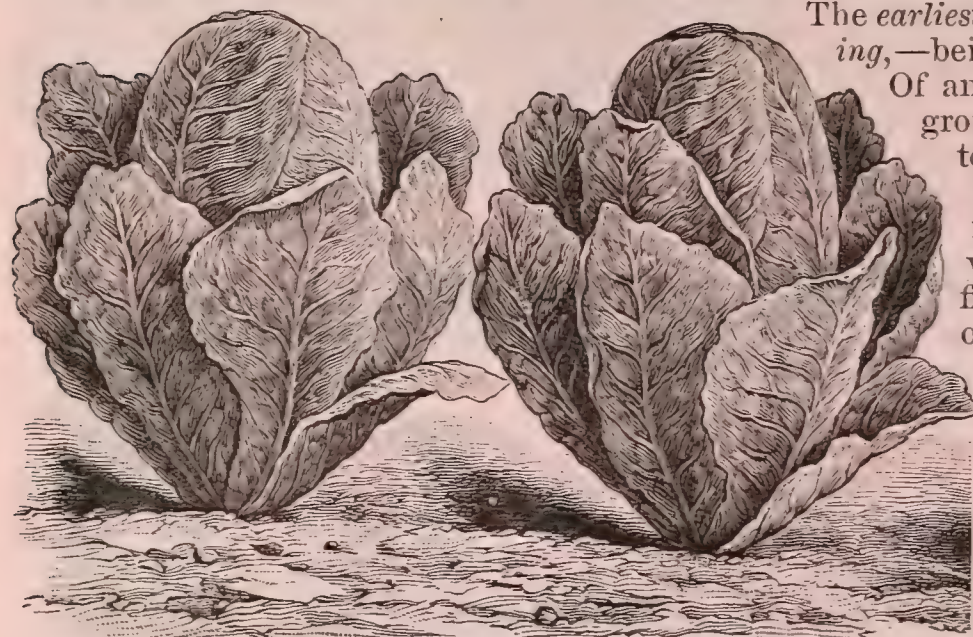
We never supposed that a *white egg plant* could be developed to fully equal in size and quality the popular *New York Improved Large Purple*. But here it is! It comes from Georgia, and at FORDHOOK produced **magnificent "eggs,"** as large and fine as we have ever seen of any variety, with an attractive pure white skin. The plants are *remarkably productive*, and the fruits are of *finest quality*, either baked or fried. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 50 cts.

## New ORNAMENTAL Egg Plant from Texas.

This is *not* "fit to eat," but should be grown either in the vegetable garden or in an obscure portion of the flower garden. Its botanical name is *Solanum texanum ovigerum coccineum*. That it is well worth growing for the *unusual character of its small fruits*, which retain their unique beauty for months, was shown by the painting from nature on our colored plate last year. The fruit is its striking feature, of such intense scarlet color and so glossy as to make one believe, at first sight, that it is artificially colored and varnished. Much pleasure can be derived from giving detached fruits to friends, as every one wonders, "What can it be?"

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## Celery Lettuce,—DWARF WHITE HEART.



DWARF WHITE HEART COS LETTUCE,—as grown at Fordhook Farm.

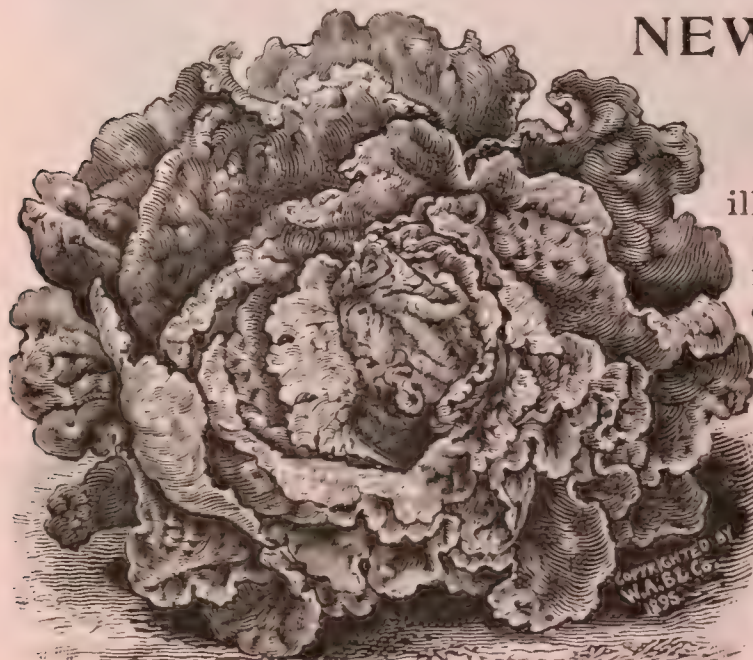
The *earliest* in cultivation and very *long standing*,—being the slowest to shoot to seed.

Of an attractive green color, the plants grow about eight inches high and four to five inches across. The outer leaves are well folded over, blanching the inner leaves thoroughly without "tying up" or any artificial aid. Of beautiful, stiff habit of growth, practically every plant makes a fine, well-developed head and is always of the most excellent flavor,—crisp and tender.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

Upon our recommendation more than five thousand of our customers tried this fine Cos Lettuce last year. It is unequaled by any cabbage lettuce in its fresh, crisp quality.

## NEW CABBAGE LETTUCE,— MIGNONETTE.



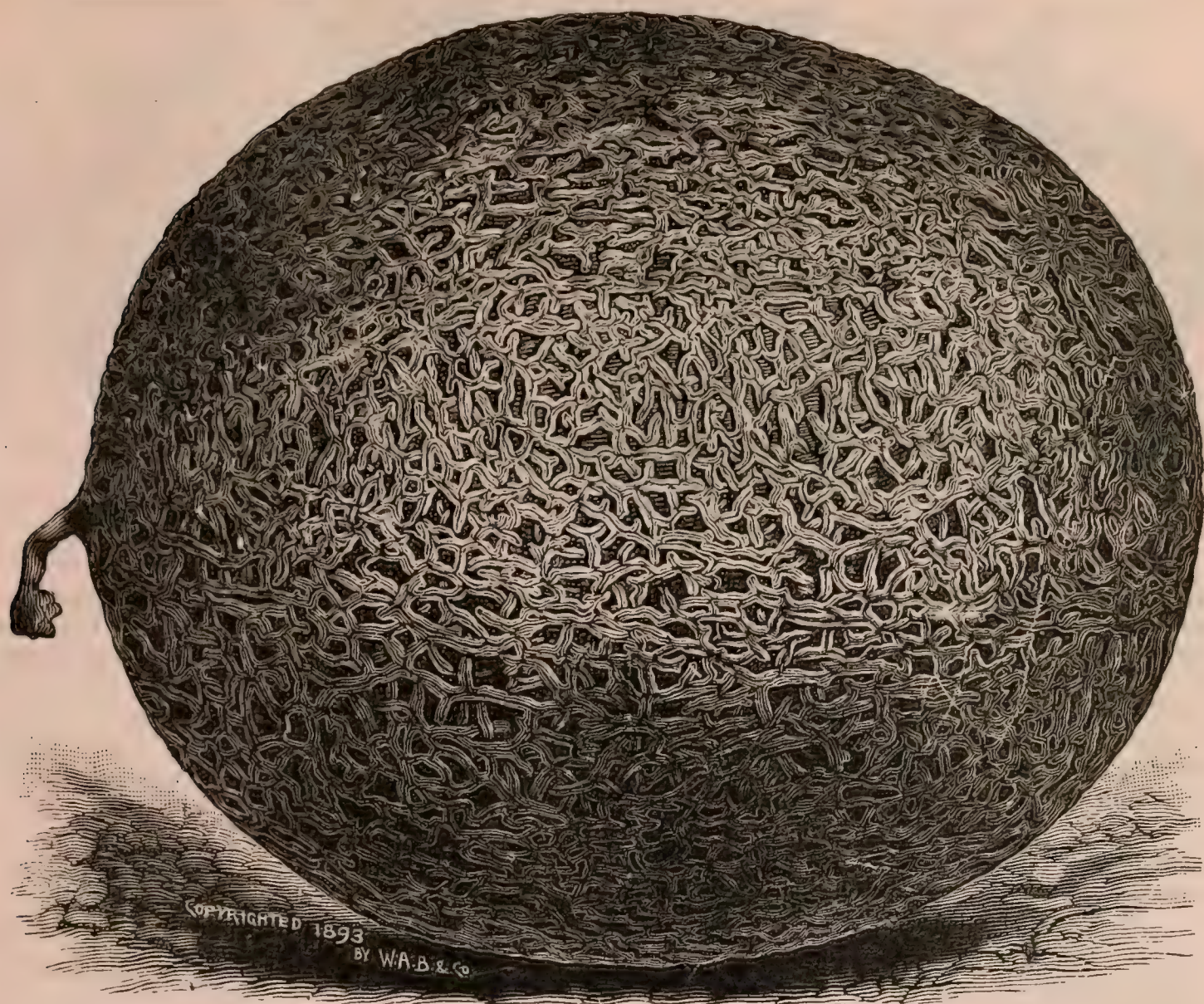
NEW CABBAGE LETTUCE,—MIGNONETTE.

This dainty little Lettuce is well shown in the illustration from a photograph taken in our Trial Grounds. The entire plant measures only seven inches across, while the heads are very solid and compact. The outer leaves are richly colored with russet-red and bronze-green, while the solid hearts are of a light cream color. It is very hardy and fit for use five days after the Boston Market, and it is also *long standing*,—excellent even for midsummer.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 35 cts.

**ICEBERG LETTUCE.** Please turn to page 66 and read description of this grand new Lettuce, first introduced by us in 1894. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

## —BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON.—

The Most Handsome and Decidedly the BEST of All New Cantaloupes.

BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON is a very hardy, strong, and vigorous grower, the vines remaining green longer than in any other variety. The melons are produced abundantly, and very close to the hill,—a feature of great value. The color is rich, dark green; the shape is oval, as shown in the illustration. The melons average in weight about four pounds, densely netted, showing but slight tendency to rib; the form is remarkably perfect; all-in-all, the handsomest and most showy of Melons. The flesh is very thick and solid; *clear, light green in color, shading to a rich salmon at the seed cavity.* In flavor THE MELROSE cannot be equaled by any other variety, and carries its superior quality and sweetness to the extreme edge of the skin. It is only about one week later in ripening than the small early Jenny Lind. This superb new variety will produce more good, salable melons, "hold up" longer, stand more handling and rough usage, than any other known.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50, postpaid.



## New Cantaloupe Melon,—APPLE=SHAPED.

It is so rarely that we obtain a really desirable new Melon from Europe that it is worthy of note that this new APPLE-SHAPED MELON originated in France. *It is quite distinct from all others, as will readily be seen by the illustration from a photograph of one of the melons grown at our Trial Grounds.* A large melon grower, to whom we sent some seed, says, "*it is a good thing and worth controlling as long as possible.*"

The fruits are small (about the size of *Burpee's Netted Gem*), apple-shaped, dark green mottled with light spots, bright yellow when ripe, inclined to be a little warty. The flesh is of a most beautiful bright *salmon color*, clear to the thin rind; *firm, sweet, and aromatic.* The seeds are closely packed in a very small seed cavity, the interior being *almost entirely composed of the thick luscious flesh.* A unique novelty.

Per small pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



NEW MELON, APPLE-SHAPED.



## Extra Early Muskmelon,—GRAND RAPIDS.



EXTRA EARLY GRAND RAPIDS MELON.

This is *remarkably early* for a large variety. Most of the melons are oblong, as shown in the illustration, engraved from a photograph, but about one-fourth come nearly round in form. The flesh is a rich salmon color, thick and fine grained. The quality is only fair—not nearly equal to some smaller or later varieties,—but the melons are quite handsome, and their value lies in their *extreme earliness for market*—ten days earlier than the *Extra Early Hackensack*. The melons are deeply ribbed, light-green skin, changing to a light yellow as they ripen.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

## New Muskmelon,—CANNON BALL.

This novelty is introduced by a Texas seed house as “the finest flavored and best shipping Muskmelon in America.” It is largely grown by the market gardeners of Waller County, Texas, and shipped long distances to exclusive trade at high prices. *It certainly is a fine Melon!* In shape it is round as a ball, medium size, six to eight inches in diameter, and heavily netted. The flesh is light green, melting, and deliciously flavored, remarkably solid, with extremely small seed cavity. It is very prolific and continues in bearing a long time. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, postpaid.

## Nutmeg Melon,—“TIP-TOP.”

The “TIP-TOP” is certainly a fine Melon. We give the introducer’s description:—

“While its outside appearance does not attract so much attention as some of the heavily netted sorts, at the same time it would be noticed at first sight as a distinct melon by any one familiar with the various kinds. The universal testimony of every one using the ‘TIP-TOP’ is, that every fruit produced, whether big or little, early or late in the season, is a good one—sweet, juicy, finest flavor, firm but not hard fleshed, eatable to the very outside coating. For three or four years it has been grown exclusively for one fancy vegetable stand in this city, and the prices obtained, even up to the past season, were always double that of other varieties of Muskmelons. When melons of ordinary kinds were bringing ten to twenty cents each, the ‘TIP-TOP’ sold easily for twenty to forty cents, and best specimens sold readily for fifty cents to those who knew the melon.”

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00, postpaid.

## New Melon,—BECK’S TRIUMPH.

This fine new Muskmelon was produced by a cross of the Columbus and Osage. Slightly oblong in form, of medium to large size, the melons have thick, red flesh of luscious sweetness.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

## New Melon,—COSMOPOLITAN.



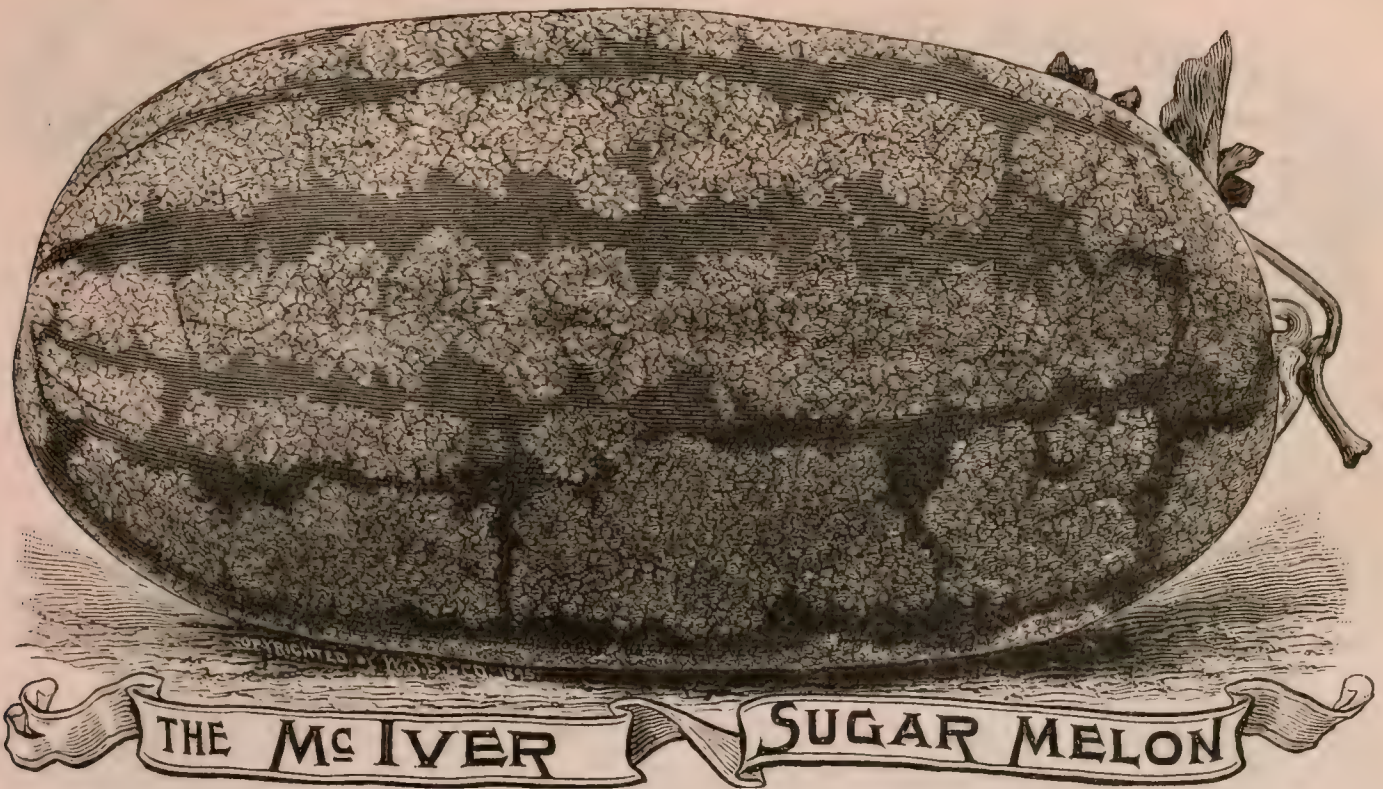
COSMOPOLITAN MUSKMELON. From a Photograph.

We think so highly of this new Melon that we take pleasure in recommending it, under the introducers’ description, as follows:—

“This grand, new, green-fleshed Muskmelon, combining as it does the firm, sweet flesh of the French Cantaloupe and the delicious flavor of the American Muskmelon, is truly *cosmopolitan in character* and will please all lovers of Muskmelons. One of the most distinct and uniformly handsome Melons ever introduced. The hardy vine is wonderfully productive of globular fruits which are densely covered with gray netting. Very sweet, melting, and high flavored. Unsurpassed in quality and perfection of form.” Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

OUR HONEST OPINION of BURPEE’S MELROSE MELON is plainly expressed on the preceding page. In the last year or two there have been introduced, however, several other fine Melons,—one or another of which may in some sections suit the local market better. We have described carefully the best of these New Melons above.





**WONDERFUL SUGAR MELON.** This new Watermelon originated with COL. E. R. MCIVER, of South Carolina, and as claimed, is superior to the *Georgia Rattlesnake*, which has so long been the favorite Melon in the South. PROF. W. F. MASSEY, of Raleigh, N. C., says: "I have grown nearly every Watermelon in the catalogues, old and new, and can sincerely say that this Melon is the best of all, and leaves nothing to be desired in a Watermelon that I can conceive of." The vines are strong growers and quite productive, although of course not bearing as many melons as some of the smaller-fruited varieties. The illustration above, engraved from a photograph, accurately shows the shape, which is oblong. The size is *uniformly large*, many specimens being two feet in length, and quite a number of even greater length, while they average from ten to fourteen inches in diameter. Of handsome appearance, the skin shows broad bands of white, shading into narrower bands of dark green. The quality is very superior; the flesh is of a soft pale pink, crisp, *free from any stringiness* (even after an unfavorable season), juicy, and of *luscious sweetness*. The melons have a solid heart, free from any cracks or open spaces, while the seed rows are close to the rim, thus leaving the largest possible quantity of solid flesh in the center of the melons. The rind is never more than one inch in thickness, and while the skin is not very tough it should prove a good shipper from its *great solidity*.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, by mail, postpaid.

**New Watermelon,—DUKE JONES.** This new Watermelon from WM. GIRARDEAU, of Florida, is claimed to be the sweetest large Melon grown. Unfortunately we did not get a satisfactory trial of it the past season. As it will be largely advertised, however, we have had a supply of the seed grown for us by Mr. Girardeau. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**New Watermelon,—SWEET HEART.** We made thorough trials of all the new Melons the past season in the great Melon section of Southern New Jersey. We were particularly pleased with the SWEET HEART, which the introducers describe as follows:—

"**EARLY, UNIFORMLY LARGE AND HANDSOME, a good shipper, and long keeper.** The skin and flesh are of splendid color, and *it has no equal as a shipping Melon*. Vine vigorous and productive, ripening its fruit early. Fruit large, oval, very heavy, uniformly mottled light and very light green. Rind thin but firm. Flesh bright red, solid; very tender, melting, and sweet. Fruit remains in condition for use longer than any other sort."

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., by mail, postpaid.

**New Watermelon,—NABOB.** A very large, solid, heavy melon, of splendid keeping qualities. Slightly oblong in shape, with a little depression at the bloom end or eye. Color dark green, peculiarly mottled with light-green spots, which might suggest irregular carving. Weight thirty to fifty pounds, flesh deep scarlet, sweet, and luscious. Medium early and of magnificent keeping qualities, remaining in an edible condition for an unusually long time. An excellent shipper and very attractive as a market Melon. This variety certainly has more than ordinary merit.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, by mail, postpaid.

**\$50.00 FOR THE LARGEST WATERMELON.** So many Melons are now claimed to be **the largest** that we wish to ascertain *just which variety can produce the heaviest melon*. Therefore we offer \$50.00 as a first prize, \$10.00 as a second prize, and \$5.00 as the third prize for the heaviest three watermelons grown this season of *any variety* from seed purchased from us. For other Watermelons, see pages 72 and 73. We also offer other interesting cash prizes to be competed for this year, and will be pleased to mail a **Complete Circular of over One Thousand Dollars in Prizes** to all our customers who ask for it when ordering.





NEW GIGANTIC GIBRALTAR ONION. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

## New GIGANTIC ONION from Spain,—“GIBRALTAR.”

While similar in appearance to the *American-Grown Prize-Taker*, the **NEW GIGANTIC GIBRALTAR ONION** is lighter in color and of more globular form. In the prize competition of last year the *Prize-Taker* (see page 77) retained first place for size, but the GIBRALTAR developed such pronounced good qualities, such perfection of form and color, together with uniform large size and fine appearance, that it has our most enthusiastic recommendation. The GIBRALTAR is of handsome, globular form, of beautiful, light straw color,—lighter than the *American-Grown Prize-Taker*.

**The First Prize** of \$50.00 was taken by MR. JOHN A. SLAYMAKER, of Atkinson, Neb., with a splendid globe-shaped specimen weighing **4½ pounds**, or 72 ounces. The **Second Prize** of \$25.00 was won by MESSRS. JOHN GRAPE & Co., market gardeners, Waukesha, Wis., with a perfectly globular onion weighing **48 ounces**. The **Third Prize** of \$20.00 was awarded to MR. ABEL STEELE, Ferguson, Ontario, Can., for a fine specimen weighing **41 ounces**. The **Fourth Prize** of \$15.00 was taken by MESSRS. GRACIE & HARRIGAN, Doncaster, Ontario, Can., weight of onion 38 ounces; and the **Fifth Prize** of \$10.00 by MR. WEBB MAST, Lee, Ore., weight 36½ ounces. The Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Prizes of \$5.00 each were awarded as follows: MRS. JESSIE W. THORNTON, Oak Creek, Douglas Co., Ore., 36 ounces; MR. ROBT. STIBBARD, Eglinton, Ontario, Can., 36 ounces; M. E. ROBISON, Durwood, Ind. Ter., 32 ounces; MRS. L. A. LEWIS, Cozad, Neb., 32 ounces; GEO. B. HUSTON, Arroyo Grande, Cal., 31 ounces, and N. S. TUPP, Robert Lee, Tex., 30 ounces.

These were closely followed by fine specimens from Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania. Many of these splendid specimens, exhibited at our warehouse at the close of the prize competition, excited astonishment, not merely for prodigious size, but for shapeliness and handsome appearance. We regret that the crop of seed was *nearly a failure* the past season, and we can again offer it only in packets.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts., or 10 pkts. for \$1.00.



## NOTT'S EXCELSIOR PEA.

This is a *very fine new extra early dwarf wrinkled* Pea, foliage dark green and rather heavy, haulm close jointed; the pods average fully one-third larger than the *American Wonder*, and while it may not always be quite so early, by a few days, are all ready for picking at one time.

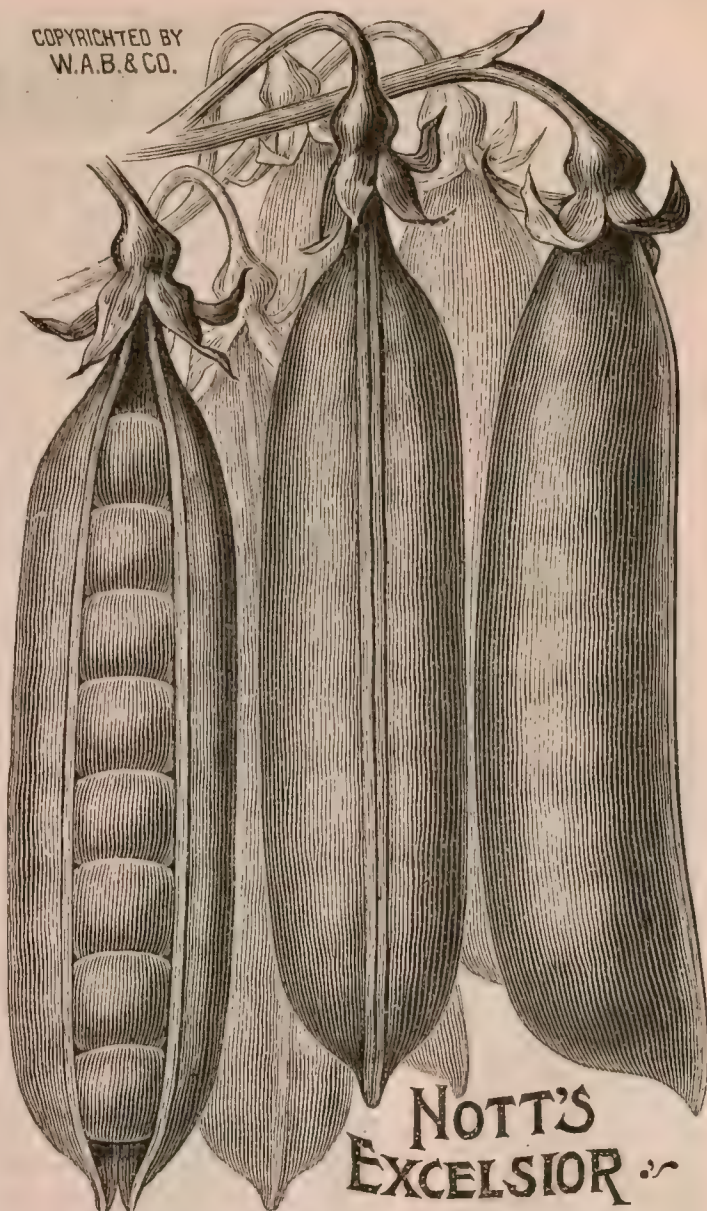
Each pod contains six to eight large peas, which are of *unusually sweet flavor*; so closely are the peas packed in the pods that they are flattened against each other, as are the Potato Limas. We are glad to say that our seed crops were better this season, and we would recommend amateurs and market gardeners to give this superb variety a thorough test, as it has undoubtedly "*come to stay*." Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; per quart 50 cts., postpaid. By express: Per quart 35 cts.; 2 qts. 60 cts.; 4 qts. \$1.10; peck \$2.00; per bushel \$7.50; 2 bushels for \$14.00.

## IMPROVED STRATAGEM PEA.

We are glad to offer **The Improved STRATAGEM**, grown for us by the originator the past season, and can thoroughly endorse the description of the seedsmen who were so fortunate as to have secured the originator's entire crop of 1894. Undoubtedly **THE BEST** of the large-podded sorts. The pods are of **immense size** and uniformly filled with *very large dark-green peas of the finest quality*. All the good qualities of the old Stratagem are highly developed, and it is vastly superior to the stock now generally sold as Stratagem. Vine medium height, but very stocky, with very broad, light-green leaves, and bearing an abundance of large, handsome pods. *One of the very best varieties for market gardeners.*

Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; per quart 50 cts., postpaid. By express: Per quart 35 cts.; 2 qts. 60 cts.; 4 qts. \$1.10; peck \$2.00; per bushel \$7.50.

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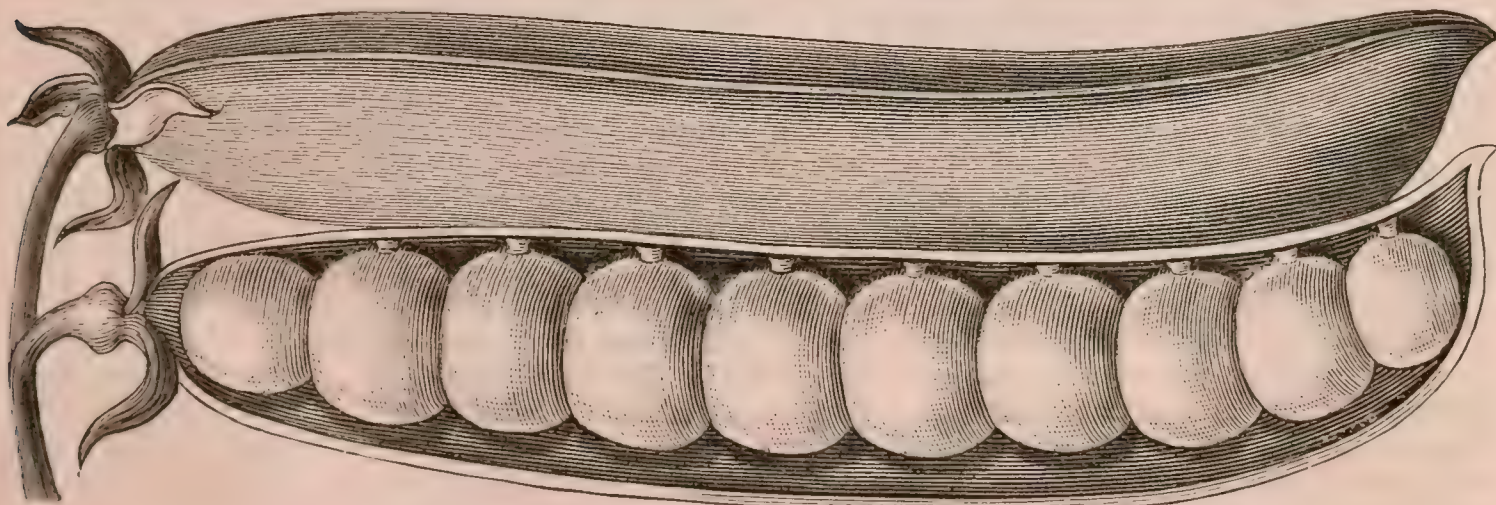
## ECKFORD'S NEW PEAS.

**HENRY ECKFORD**, of England, is well known to lovers of Sweet Peas throughout the world, but many are not aware that this celebrated hybridizer also devotes attention to Garden Peas. We take pleasure in recommending two of his most famous Garden Peas. Below we give his own brief descriptions of these Novelties:—

**RENOWN.** A green, wrinkled marrow, of robust growth; a very fine main-crop variety, producing abundantly, deep-green, square, well-filled pods; flavor first rate.

**The ECHO.** Awarded a first-class certificate by the R. H. S. A most prolific dwarf wrinkled marrow, coming in ten days before Renown, of very superior quality. Height two feet.

We offer first-class Seed Peas of both **RENOWN** and **The ECHO**, each at the following prices: Per package 10 cts., or 3 packages for 25 cts.; per pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., or one quart of each for 85 cts., postpaid. By express or freight, at expense of purchaser, each variety: Per quart 30 cts.; 2 quarts 55 cts.; 4 quarts \$1.00; per peck \$1.75; per bushel \$6.50. For other Peas in bulk,—see page 101.



Natural size pods of **LAXTON'S EVOLUTION PEAS.**

## LAXTON'S EVOLUTION PEAS.

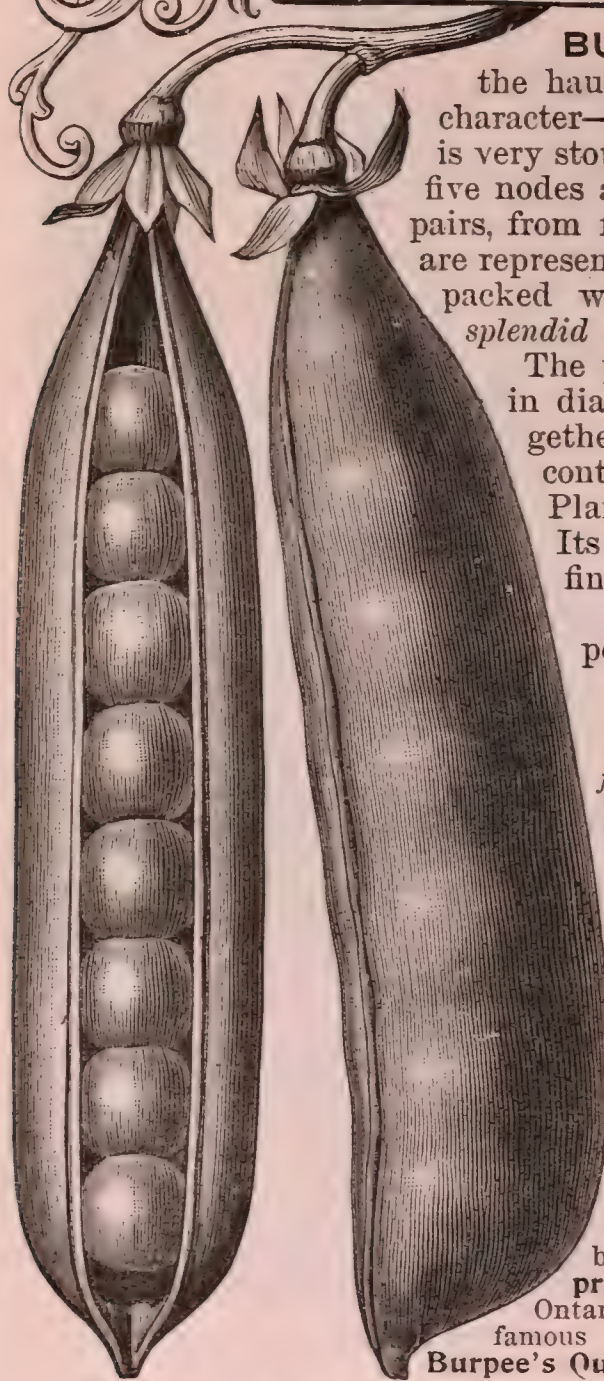
Ever since we first introduced this grand main-crop variety from England, *never in any season have we had sufficient seed to supply the demand.* Therefore when preparing, early this summer, our general list of Garden Peas (pages 82 to 84 inclusive) we purposely omitted the above illustration, as it is both disappointing to our customers and annoying to us to get orders for a variety of which we are entirely sold out. But now that the season is ended we are glad to say that *we have harvested more than double the crop of any previous season for five years past.* For brief description refer to **page 83.**

Per pkt. 15 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid. By express: Per quart 35 cts.; 4 qts. \$1.10; peck \$2.00; per bushel \$7.50.





# BURPEE'S PROFUSION PEA



**BURPEE'S PROFUSION PEA** is of vigorous growth, the haulm attaining three feet in height, and of a very branching character—four to eight laterals starting from the root. The haulm is very stout, the main stem usually branching at the first three to five nodes above the ground. The pods are generally produced in pairs, from fifty to ninety pods to the plant. The natural-sized pods are represented by the engraving herewith; they are well packed with *large, luscious peas, of very sweet and splendid quality.*

The peas are of very large size, often one-half inch in diameter when green, and are packed closely together in the pods, five to nine in a pod. The plants are continuous bearers, extending over a period of several weeks. Planted May 2d, the peas were ready for the table July 9th. Its immense productiveness, stout, healthy growth, and fine quality must make it a leading variety for main crop.

Price per package 15 cts., or two packages for 25 cts.; per pint 30 cts.; per quart 50 cts., postpaid, by mail.

## PROOFS OF ITS PROLIFIC CHARACTER.

Although first introduced in 1891, we had previously distributed *fifteen thousand packets* of this distinct new main-crop Pea for advance trials among our customers, with the most gratifying results. In competition for the cash prizes offered for the most prolific plants, we received from MR. EDWARD HACK, Portland, Oregon, **two plants bearing, respectively, two hundred and twenty-five and two hundred and twenty pods**, which won the first and second prizes; the third prize was awarded to MR. CHARLES E. CARPENTER, Kent, Washington, for a plant with **one hundred and fifty pods**, while the fourth prize was won by MR. W. E. INGERSOLL, Columbia Falls, Maine, with a plant bearing **one hundred and one pods**; the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth prizes were secured by plants bearing, respectively, one hundred, ninety-eight, and two of ninety-two pods each.

Mr. Edward Hack, Portland, Oregon, also won the prize for the largest yield from a *one-half ounce sample* of the seed, his yield being *ten pounds two ounces of dry shelled peas*, making **three hundred and twenty-four fold**.

These reports, in connection with scores of testimonials, prove beyond doubt that **BURPEE'S PROFUSION PEA is the most prolific Pea ever introduced.** To the late MR. CHARLES ARNOLD, of Ontario, belongs the honor of its origin. It is to him we also owe the world-famous *American Wonder*, *Bliss's Everbearing*, and *Abundance*, and also *Burpee's Quantity and Quality Peas*, described on page 84.

## Novelties Free for Trial.

The plan of distributing for advance trial, prior

to their introduction, samples of promising new varieties originated with us some years since, and has become a very popular feature of our business. We now annually distribute into the hundreds of thousands sample packets of different Novelties **FREE** in every section of the United States and Canada, in order that reports may be obtained as to worth, adaptability, and growth. In this way many of our most important introductions have been thoroughly proven before we offered the seed for sale. Last year we distributed many thousand trial packets of the new **MORSE LETTUCE** and **EARLIEST WHITE RADISH**, now shown on our *Colored Plate*. These have given such general satisfaction that we introduce them with perfect confidence. Following our usual custom, we have this year, for distribution to customers whose orders indicate an interest in improved varieties of vegetables, **SEVERAL DISTINCT NOVELTIES** not yet catalogued by us, but of which we have put up thousands of sample packets for advance trials. Among these we can now name the unique **New Asparagus Pea**, to which attention is called below, another quick-growing **Dainty New Radish**, a large, luscious **New Watermelon**, a fine **Lettuce**, a very promising new **Cucumber**, and a most excellent **New Carrot**. We are pleased to receive from our customers samples, for testing at our Trial Grounds, of any new Vegetables, Flowers, or Grains that are not known to the public, but request that only such as are considered superior will be sent.

## A UNIQUE NOVELTY FOR 1897.

When traveling in Jutland in July last we were so fortunate as to reach AARHUS at the time of the great annual fair. The flowers in that far northern country presented nothing new to us, but among the vegetables we were surprised to find a new type,—a **Winged Pea**,—entirely unknown to us, but the name of which translated we found to be **THE ASPARAGUS PEA**. Later we found a seedsman who had a small crop growing, of which we engaged *stock seed*. We have, however, put up several thousand small packets, which (with a description of this "UNKNOWN NOVELTY") we will take pleasure in distributing **FREE** to those of our customers who ask for it when sending their orders this winter, and who will report *just what they think of it*.





NEW PEPPER, —ELEPHANT'S TRUNK.

## GIGANTIC NEW PEPPER, ELEPHANT'S TRUNK.

The plants make a strong, vigorous growth, eighteen to twenty inches high, and bear a large crop of very showy fruits. The large peppers are distinct in shape and quite suggestive of their name, as can be seen from the illustration. The unusually large, glossy scarlet fruits measure from eight to twelve inches in length by two and a half inches in breadth; of mild, pleasant flavor. Productive, ornamental, and useful. We will pay a **Cash Prize of \$10.00 for the largest ELEPHANT'S TRUNK Pepper** grown from our seed this season; second prize, \$5.00.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## "ORNAMENTAL MICE."

Under this name we received, several years ago, from one of our customers seed of a **vegetable curiosity**, which has attracted so much attention from visitors at FORDHOOK FARM that we saved some seed the past season that others might likewise enjoy the novelty of exhibiting "ORNAMENTAL MICE" to their neighbors. PROF. L. H. BAILEY, of Cornell University, New York, has identified it for us as *Cucumis Dipsaceus*. It is a native of Central Africa, and makes a small, neat-growing vine, with miniature, cucumber-like foliage. It bears numerous oval fruits, clear green in color, two and a half to three inches long, which are always completely covered with long, light-green spines. These points, seemingly countless in number, might be described as *little needles*, but are flexible. This species comes always true from seed, and from August to October constantly ripens the *odd and curious fruit in great numbers*. It will be found useful for covering a sloping bank or rockery.

Per pkt. 5 cts.



A spray of TABASCO PEPPER.

## TABASCO PEPPER.

The Tabasco Sauce has a national reputation for flavoring soup, oysters, meat, etc. For several years we have been trying to get the seed to offer, but the past season is the first time we have succeeded in maturing a crop of the seed, —although it is quite easy to grow the peppers. The illustration shows a small spray (a side stem), with one pepper *exactly natural size*. These peppers are *extremely hot and fiery in flavor*. Originally from Mexico, the variety has for years been grown in New Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and has made a fortune for Mr. McILHENNY, proprietor of *The Tabasco Sauce*.

As the large bushes are *very productive*, we offer **several cash prizes** (as announced on our CIRCULAR OF PRIZES FOR 1896, which is sent **free** to all customers who ask for it,) for the plants, grown this season, bearing the greatest number of pods.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



CREOLE, OR BIRD'S EYE PEPPER.

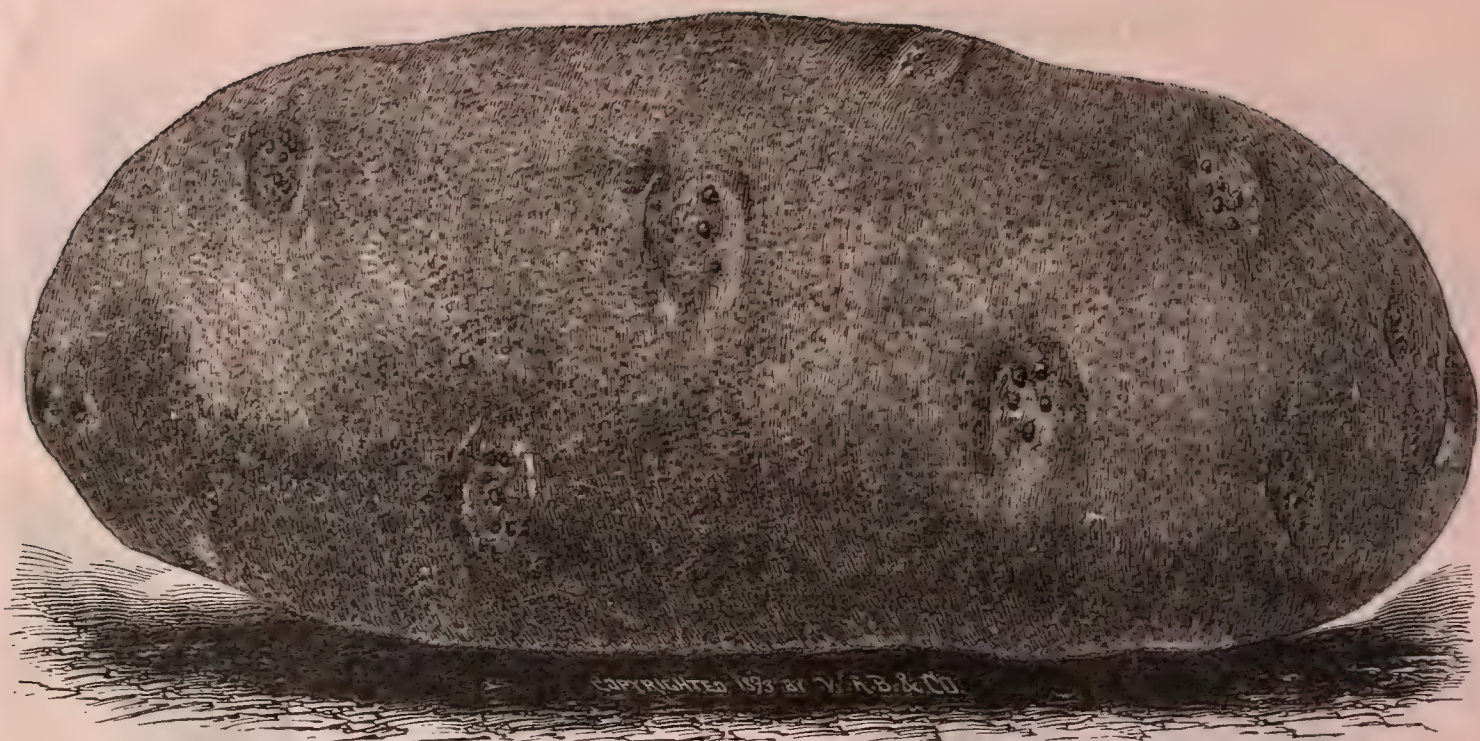
## BIRD'S EYE PEPPER.

The pungency of flavor in a pepper is in inverse ratio to its size. None are hotter or more fiery in flavor than these little "BIRD'S EYES" or CREOLE PEPPERS, as they are called in the South. They can be used either fresh or dried; the whole plant can be hung up to dry in any outhouse and the peppers removed as wanted.

Each plant bears *hundreds of peppers*. We will pay **\$10.00 cash** for the plant bearing the greatest number; **\$5.00** for the second most prolific plant, etc., as explained in the CIRCULAR OF PRIZES FOR 1896, which will be sent to our customers on application.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.





THE GREAT DIVIDE POTATO. *An Average Tuber, from a Photograph, reduced in size.*

## GREAT DIVIDE,—the Best Potato for Main Crop.


**For Immense Productiveness, Hardy Vigor, and Superb Table Quality, the GREAT DIVIDE Stands First as a Main-Crop Potato.**

The GREAT DIVIDE, introduced by us in 1894, was raised in Cass County, Iowa, by the veteran Potato grower, MR. F. B. VAN ORNAM, from a seed-ball produced in 1887 on the *Early Ohio*, fertilized with the *Old California*, which was then the heaviest-cropping and best-keeping Potato grown in Iowa. The cross was an astonishing success, and the GREAT DIVIDE has proved to be the leading main-crop variety for both sides of the Rocky Mountains, proving well worthy of its suggestive name. The vines are stout, erect, and branching direct from the main stem; foliage plentiful, with dark-green leaves, withstanding drought, extreme heat, and attacks of insects better than any other variety; perfectly free from disease, such as scab or blight. The tubers are of oblong, round form; eyes plentiful and on the surface, giving a handsome appearance, with *almost no waste in paring*. Skin very white, firm, and tough. Grows compactly in the hill, and, while the tubers are well under the ground, they are borne near the surface of the soil. Size large to very large, with scarcely a small one. In season it is from medium to late. *Its table qualities are unrivaled*. The flesh is clear white, and when baked or boiled breaks open like a snowball,—white and floury. It cooks finely and very quickly, with a delicious, nutty flavor.

Mr. Van Ornam says of the GREAT DIVIDE: "It is the best keeper I have ever grown. Placed in a cellar October 15th, when taken out for planting June 2d the tubers were without sign of sprout,—*as firm and hard as when first dug*. A tuber then tested for eating showed it had retained its fine flavor. Although the tubers were cut to single eye pieces, which were planted eighteen inches apart, every eye grew, coming up quickly and finely and producing a perfect stand. Taking the results of my careful records, supplemented by reports from Agricultural Experiment Stations and Potato experts, received from almost every State, also from Europe, I consider **the GREAT DIVIDE the most robust-growing, finest-bearing, longest-keeping, and best-shipping main-crop Potato in America.**"

**PRICES.** Per pound 35 cts.; 3 pounds for 90 cts., postpaid, by mail.

By express or freight, purchaser to pay transportation charges upon receipt of the potatoes: **Per peck 75 cts.; one-half bushel \$1.25; per bushel of sixty pounds \$2.25; per barrel of 165 pounds \$5.00; two barrels for \$9.50. ORDER EARLY.**

 **Our advice is to ORDER EARLY!** Last year we could not nearly supply the demand, and returned many hundreds of dollars in the month of April.

### GREAT DIVIDE,—the Heaviest Yielder.

HOOVER & MOORE, Antlers, Col., Nov. 5, 1894, write: —It is with pleasure we report to you that the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO has done remarkably well with us this season; they were planted side by side with twenty other varieties, among them being such well-known sorts as the *Rural New Yorker No. 2*, *Carman No. 1*, *Maggie Murphy*, *World's Fair*, *Freeman*, and others, and we must confess that the GREAT DIVIDE yielded the heaviest of them all. It is a very strong grower, covering the entire ground with vines; the tubers set early but do not ripen early; it is a good main-crop variety coming in with *Rural No. 2*, *Carman No. 1*, and *Maggie Murphy*. It is the *whitest looking Potato* we have ever grown; we have cooked some of them and the quality is simply perfect. We congratulate you upon being able to offer to the public such a remarkable Potato.

### GREAT DIVIDE,—Superior to All Others!

ELDRED EAGLE, Nampa, Idaho, Nov. 18, 1894, writes: —Your GREAT DIVIDE POTATO is the finest I ever saw; I prefer it to the *Freeman*, and that is called the Potato of the century, but I believe the *Great Divide* will outyield it in every respect. The great trouble with most Potatoes in this country is the scab, but on these I could not find a single scab, neither could I find disease of any kind. I would advise all those who want nice smooth Potatoes to purchase the GREAT DIVIDE, as it is the coming main-crop Potato, and I will recommend them wherever I go. GILMAN WEYMOUTH, Carmel, Maine, Dec. 9, 1894, writes:—I find the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO to be a great yielder of fine, smooth tubers, free from rot, and of the finest table quality, *dry and white as chalk*. I find it superior to any Potato in cultivation, and shall take pleasure in recommending it to all.



# New Potato—"GREAT DIVIDE"—for Main Crop.

"This day I first caught sight of the Rocky Mountains, 'THE GREAT DIVIDE' between Eastern and Western Oceans."—ZEBULON PIKE. Nov. 15, 1806.

**PRIZE AWARDS:** In 1894 we offered an equal series of cash prizes amounting to \$400.00 to our customers in the States east and west of the Rocky Mountains for the best and heaviest yield from one pound of seed. This competition fully substantiated the high claims of the originator and brought forth a vast amount of testimony in favor of **THE GREAT DIVIDE as the best Main-Crop Potato now known.**

The First Prize of \$50.00 for the largest yield from one pound of potatoes grown **EAST of the Rocky Mountains**; also the Special Prize of \$50.00 for **largest yield** either east or west of the Rocky Mountains, in all \$100.00, were awarded to C. H. DAVIS, Carmel, Me., who raised **1296½ pounds**. Then five prizes were awarded as follows for the crops named (each raised from only one pound of the tubers): GILMAN WEYMOUTH, Carmel, Me., 1198¼ lbs.—J. WEBSTER LEWIS, Powell, S. Dak., 968 lbs.—J. H. WHITMAN, Weedsport, N. Y., 914 lbs.—FRANK B. SMITH, Danville, Ill., 880 lbs.—ARTHUR NELSON, Poestenkill, N. Y., 795 lbs.

**WEST of the Rocky Mountains** the First Prize of \$50.00 was won by HOOVER & MOORE, Antlers, Col., who raised **987 pounds from one**. The five following prizes were won respectively by the parties named below, whose crops, from one pound of seed, weighed as stated: P. H. CHAPEL, Crab Creek, Wash., 795 lbs.—MRS. SYLVANIA KING, Marengo, Wash., 751½ lbs.—ELDRED E. EAGLE, Nampa, Idaho, 567½ lbs.—MRS. MARY C. BROWN, Davis Creek, Cal., 542 lbs.—PHILIP PARKE, Cache Creek, B. C., 480½ lbs.



Showing habit of growth in the hill. From a Photograph.

## GREAT DIVIDE Takes the Lead!

A. P. MILLER, Akron, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1894, writes:—We have grown and tested many varieties of Potatoes, and for uniform large size, smooth and attractive appearance, good quality, and great productiveness the GREAT DIVIDE takes the lead. It shall be our main crop.

MRS. SUSAN E. STEVENS, Nampa, Idaho, Nov. 10, 1894, writes:—Of all the Potatoes I ever cooked the GREAT DIVIDE is the best. The pound I got had seventy-two eyes and every one of them grew. This has been a bad year for Potatoes, but the Great Divide has done better than any other kind, *not a scab on any of them*.

## GREAT DIVIDE is the Heaviest Cropper.

CHAS. W. BUSHINGER, Utica, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1894, writes:—Regarding the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO, I wish to say that of the twelve new varieties tested this season by me *the Great Divide was by far the heaviest cropper*. While the other varieties were fertilized, the Great Divide was not, being planted on medium rich soil, and *it withstood the drought and insects better than any other variety*, neither was it blighted and scabby like the others, being *smooth and nice*. It was troubled very little with bugs, while the others were. The tubers grew compact, near the surface of the soil, and very few small ones. Its eating qualities are: flesh snow white, taking only a short time to boil, and when boiled are floury and of fine flavor. I shall plant a larger portion of my place with GREAT DIVIDE POTATOES the coming season, and expect the yield will be far ahead of anything I have ever had.

## Double the Yield of "Irish Daisy."

ALEX. A. NEIHART, Delta, Neb., Oct. 6, 1894, writes:—Last spring I purchased a pound of the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO from you and also a pound of the *Irish Daisy* from another seedsman, and gave both the same treatment, planting the same number of hills, and the *Irish Daisy* produced 320 pounds, while the Great Divide, being way ahead of it, produced 647½ pounds of fine potatoes. If the *Irish Daisy* does not do better next year I will discard it, and in the future my main crop will be the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO.

D. F. LOMBARD, S. Casco, Maine, Oct. 7, 1894, writes:—I would say of the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO that its table qualities are good. In growth the vines are strong and healthy with no rust or blight. The potatoes grow large, long, very smooth and handsome tubers, and grow quite compact in the hill with very few small ones. It matures medium late and is the greatest producer I have ever grown.

## THE Potato of the Future.

PHILIP PARKE, Cache Creek, B. C., Nov. 8, 1894, writes:—I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellence of your GREAT DIVIDE POTATO. With ordinary culture the pound of seed I had from you yielded four hundred and eighty and a half pounds. The tubers are remarkably smooth and handsome, and I have no doubt it will be *the Potato of the future*.

MRS. M. C. BROWN, Davis Creek, Cal., Nov. 8, 1894, writes:—I cannot say enough in favor of the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO; for excellence it has no equal. I think it is *the best all-purpose Potato in cultivation*.

C. H. DAVIS, Carmel, Maine, Nov. 26, 1894, writes:—I find the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO to be of vigorous growth, smooth and free from rot; of good size and entirely free from rough or scabby tubers and with very few small ones. Oblong in shape, smooth, eyes set well on the surface, skin paper-white and flesh as white as flour, remarkably fine grained and of the very best quality. The tubers grow very compactly in the hill, making it easy to harvest by hand or machine. It has very vigorous foliage of an intensely dark green color, and stands the ravages of the Potato Beetle to a great degree. It is very productive and I should not hesitate recommending it to all desirous of producing a first-class Potato.

G. P. WILLETT & SON, North Collins, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1895, write:—We wish to inform you of our success with the GREAT DIVIDE POTATO. It has proven the best variety we have ever found; from the peck bought of you we have ten bushels of *the finest Potatoes we ever saw*.

## BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY.

**Earlier than Early Ohio! Earliest of all Potatoes.**  
For description, see page 102.

FRANK ROBERTSON, Trenton, Mo., April 6, 1895, writes:—I have for many years bought Burpee's seeds with universal satisfaction. I must make special mention of BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY POTATO, it is the *earliest and best of all*.

JOHN A. SUTTON, Hiawatha, Kansas, Sept. 15, 1895, writes:—I planted BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY POTATO on old land without any extra care before or after planting more than cultivating with a horse cultivator. They were planted beside the *Early Ohio Potato*, and were *at least ten days earlier*, besides being more prolific, larger, and so smooth and beautiful that at our County Fair last week I won *first premium* on half a bushel.



## IMPROVED DUNKARD PUMPKIN.

Two years ago we noticed the finest DUNKARD WINTER PUMPKINS we had ever seen, on exhibition at the *Mount Holly Fair*. We obtained stock seed from the farmer who had grown them, and now have pleasure in offering the product for sale. The illustration, from a photograph, shows the form, which is nearly a perfect globe; the skin is reddish-orange, with bands of cream color. The flesh is very thick; of orange color, stringless, tender, and of *very finest quality*. They keep perfectly throughout the entire winter. We offer **\$25.00 in cash prizes** for the largest specimens sent to us next fall. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



IMPROVED DUNKARD PUMPKIN.

## MAMMOTH WHALE SQUASH.

We are very much pleased with the MAMMOTH WHALE SQUASH, which we grew the past season for the first time.

The squashes are often three feet long, of a dark slate color, and sometimes weigh over one hundred pounds. Its greatest diameter is near the blossom end, and tapers from there to each end; this peculiar shape, together with its immense size, doubtless suggested the name MAMMOTH WHALE. It is very prolific; the vines are robust and hardy. The flesh is solid, of a beautiful orange-yellow color and of excellent quality. It is also an excellent keeper.

In order to test its capacity for large growth, we now offer a **cash prize of \$25.00 for the heaviest MAMMOTH WHALE SQUASH** raised this year; second prize, \$15.00, and third prize, \$10.00.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per ounce 50 cts.

### BUSH SQUASH,—Long White Marrow.

This variety is very distinct in its habit of growth. The stems, instead of running, remain very short and rather thick, bearing closely set leaves of a dark-green color, with a few grayish blotches, and deeply cut and toothed at the edges. Fruit longer than that of the *Vegetable Marrow*, being from fourteen to twenty inches in length, with a diameter of five and a half or six inches, narrowed toward the stalk, and traversed by five ribs. Like the *Vegetable Marrow*, the fruit of this variety is usually eaten before it is fully grown, the plant continuing to produce new fruit in succession. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.



MAMMOTH WHALE SQUASH.



# NEW TOMATO—FORDHOOK FIRST.

FORDHOOK FIRST is a perfectly smooth, solid tomato of first-class appearance; also **extremely early**,—ready to market as soon as the rough, unshapely fruits of poor quality of the old Early Richmond type. The varieties of this type, such



as *Earliest of All*, *Early Ruby*, *Atlantic Prize*, *King of the Earlies*, etc., although repeatedly tested at FORDHOOK, we have never

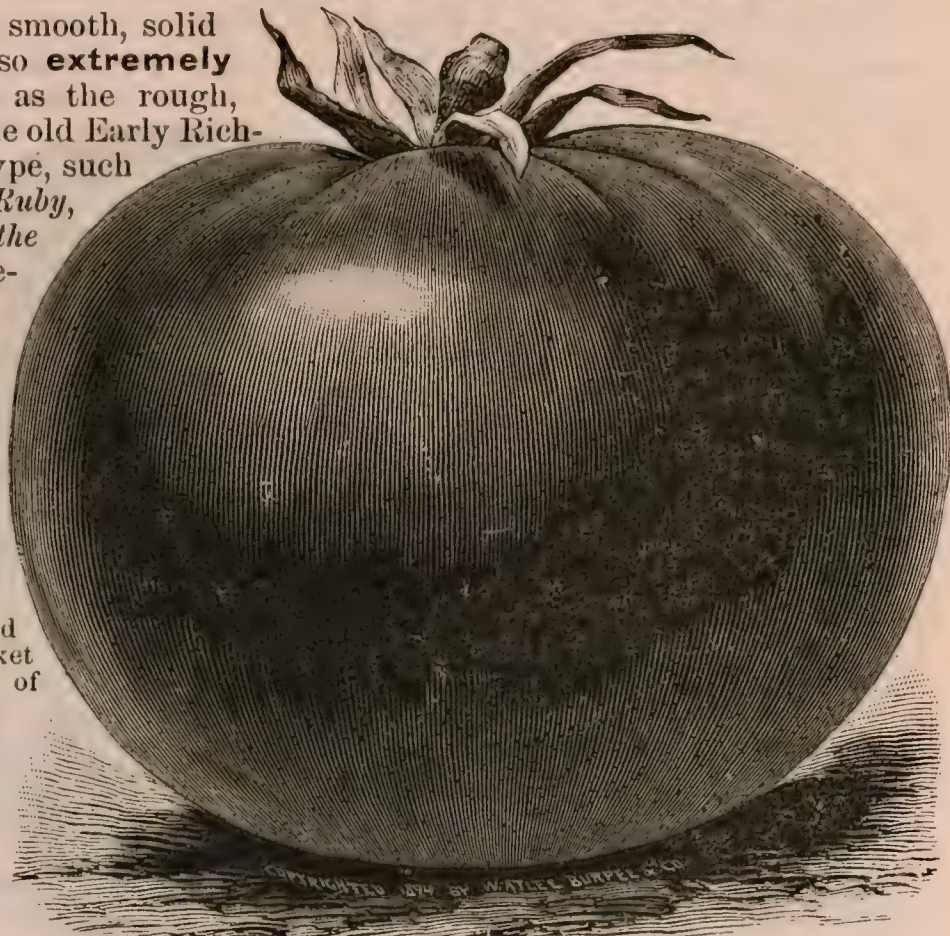
offered, as we considered their quality and form too poor for either market or home use. MESSRS. S. D. WOODRUFF & SONS, the well-known market gardeners, near Hartford, from whom we obtained the FORDHOOK FIRST, write:—

"It is the only perfectly smooth and solid Tomato of which we know that gets to market as early as the rough and unshapely fruits of poor quality from such sorts as *Early Ruby*, *Atlantic Prize*, etc., all of which we have carefully tested and discarded for this much more desirable variety. In fact, the fruit of your FORDHOOK FIRST commanded last season \$2.00 per one-half bushel basket in our market, when the *best selected Rubies* went begging at \$1.50 per one-half bushel."

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 45 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25.

THE RURAL NEW YORKER is recognized as a high authority in judging the merits of new vegetables from careful trials. We quote from page 522, issue of August 18, 1894:—

FORDHOOK FIRST Tomato, introduced this year by W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., began to ripen at the Rural Grounds July 28th. We have tried nearly all of the first earlies for many years as they have been introduced, and have not found that earliness has proven anything like a fair equivalent for irregularity in form and inferiority in quality. We find FORDHOOK FIRST as early as any we have tried, generally perfectly smooth, ripening evenly about the stem, heavy, solid, with a tough skin, of medium size (or a little below), and of a color between the crimson of the Acme and the orange-red of the Ignatum.



FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO.

Accurately Engraved from a Photograph, exactly natural size.

## Our New Tomato, FORDHOOK FIRST,

Is THE TOMATO of all the Extra Earlies.

A. B. COLEMAN, Princeton, Ky., Aug. 28, 1894, writes:—You will please permit me to congratulate you upon the introduction of so valuable an acquisition as the FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO. This Tomato with me is as early as any tomato in cultivation; good size, perfectly smooth, enormously productive, and of excellent quality. I regard it in all respects as a first-class extra early Tomato, which will take the place of all other varieties of its season. The Fordhook is THE Tomato of all extra earlies.

J. A. SAMS, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26, 1894, writes:—You have not spoken too highly of your FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO. I raised splendid ones this year and the vines continued bearing an unusually long time.

W. A. GRIFFITH, Griffith, N. C., Nov. 22, 1894, writes:—I bought seed of the FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO from you this spring and planted it quite early with great success. I find them fully as represented, being large, smooth, and fine, almost solid, and ripening for me as early as June 15th, continuing to bear nearly all summer.

F. S. DAVIS, West Roxbury, Mass., September 9, 1895, writes:—I consider your Tomato FORDHOOK FIRST the best I have ever grown. With me it was *two weeks earlier* than the Dwarf Aristocrat. The tomatoes are good size, very solid, no core, splendidly shaped, and ripening to the stem with no signs of rot.

A. H. MYERS, Akron, O., Jan. 20, 1895, writes:—Upon receipt of your Annual for 1895 I am reminded of my last year's success with your FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO, which was very satisfactory. The plants were potted and transplanted to the open ground May 25th, and on July 17th I commenced picking ripe fruit and was able to market a large portion of the crop before any other varieties came in. The fruit was of medium size and quality very fine. I expect to plant about half an acre of the FORDHOOK FIRST this spring.

## Finest, Handsomest, and Largest Early Tomatoes.

A. GASSMAN, Sanborn, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1894, writes:—I cannot help but express the surprise I had with your FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO. Of all the Tomatoes I have ever tried, these are certainly the finest, handsomest, and largest early tomatoes, and as smooth as can be desired. I have shown them to-day to one of my neighbors, a market gardener, and he said he would take 2000 plants of Fordhook First next spring at \$6.00 per thousand.

CHAS. H. LYON, Gila, New Mex., Oct. 20, 1894, writes:—I am more than pleased with the seeds purchased of you last winter. The FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATOES were all that you claim for them and more; if I had planted ten times as many I could have sold them all. They were the *very best* that went to the Silver City market, and everyone wanted them on account of their smooth, uniform appearance and beautiful coloring.

## The MATCHLESS TOMATO,—see page 95.

MR. C. BOND COLE, Hightstown, N. J., October 19, 1895, writes:—It gives me pleasure to testify as to the merits of your MATCHLESS TOMATO. Last year and this year as well I won **first premium** at the New Jersey Interstate Fair on Tomatoes grown from seed purchased of you and this year had decidedly the largest and handsomest tomatoes of any variety exhibited. I succeeded in raising forty-eight peach baskets full from one hundred and fifty vines this season, in spite of the extremely unfavorable drought. They were the admiration and choice of all who saw them. The *Stone* is a good Tomato, but the MATCHLESS grown from your strain is decidedly better.

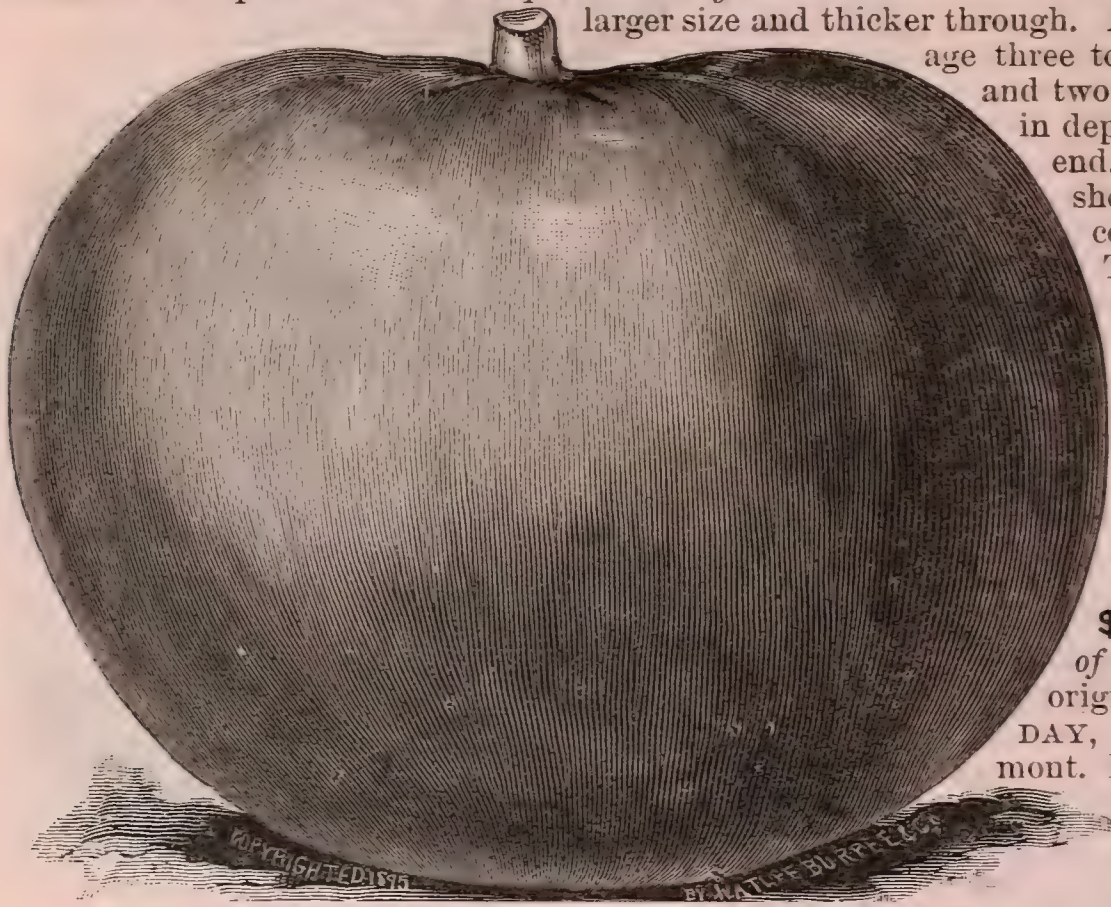
I. F. HOUSTON, Palmetto, Fla., Nov. 5, 1894, writes:—The MATCHLESS TOMATO was the best variety I grew last season. They are very stocky, producing fine fruit of large size, and the plants withstood the attack of the black rot much better than any other variety.

W. H. HEMPHILL, Burlington, Kan., Sept. 20, 1895, writes:—Will Burpee's Seeds Grow? YES. I have always found them extra strong in vitality and fertility.



## NEW EARLY TOMATO,—IMPERIAL.

In our Trial Grounds at FORDHOOK FARM the past season this was one of the first good tomatoes to ripen. *It was not quite so early as the FORDHOOK FIRST*, but the fruits were of larger size and thicker through. A fine specimen will average three to four inches in diameter and two and a half to three inches in depth from stem to blossom end. It is quite thick at the shoulder, free from any hard core, and is quite fleshy. The tomatoes are very smooth and fine in form, of a bright red color, but changing to pinkish-purple, like *Acme*, when fully ripe. It is a good, strong grower, quite prolific, but not so heavy a yielder as *Trucker's Favorite*.



NEW IMPERIAL TOMATO. From a Photograph taken at Fordhook Farm.

We paid last season **\$20.00 for one ounce** of the seed, grown by the originator, MR. A. A. HALLIDAY, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. In the crops at FORDHOOK from this seed we noticed quite a variation. On poor soil the fruits were small, while on good soil they were much

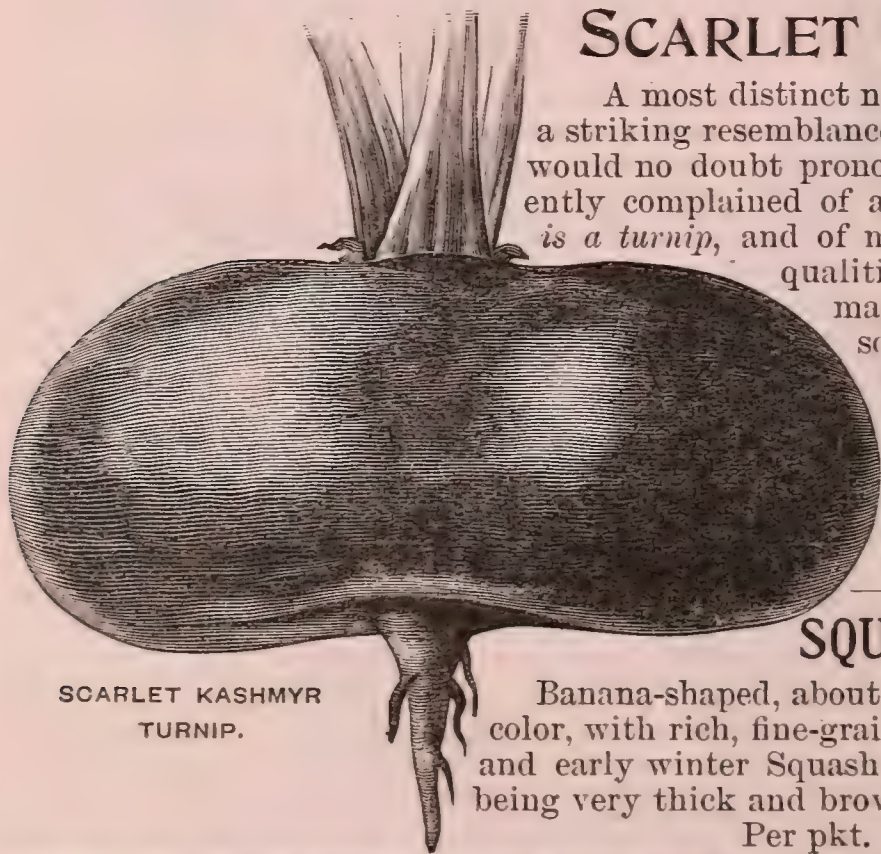
larger and more numerous (fully double the size of those on the poor soil). From this experience we would recommend it as a variety that on good soil will produce fine, large tomatoes of uniform size in large clusters, but not quite so *extra early* as the originator believed.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 50 cts.

## SCARLET KASHMYR TURNIP.

A most distinct novelty, of such peculiar color that it has a striking resemblance to a large radish. "Unwarned judges would no doubt pronounce it one of those radishes so persistently complained of as tasting like turnips!" However, *it is a turnip*, and of most excellent flavor and high cooking qualities. This surprisingly colored turnip may be described as of a deep, rich crimson above, shading to a soft crimson-rose below. It is an *extra early* strap-leaved variety, with beautiful, large, smooth, white-fleshed roots of excellent keeping quality; smooth, thin, silky skin.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



SCARLET KASHMYR  
TURNIP.

## SQUASH,—MEXICAN BANANA.

Banana-shaped, about two and one-half feet long. Light slate color, with rich, fine-grained, yellow flesh. Quality as a late fall and early winter Squash is excellent. Seeds are quite distinct, being very thick and brown. Vines vigorous and productive.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 35 cts.

**OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH** are now offered as **PRIZES** for the best products that are grown in 1896 of **BURPEE'S SEEDS**. The plan of competition has been carefully arranged, so that even our customers in the most distant parts of the United States and Canada can engage in the contest with little or no expense. For full particulars see **SPECIAL CIRCULAR OF 1896 PRIZES**, which will be sent free to all our customers who ask for it with their order this winter or spring.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co.



## Unsolicited TESTIMONIALS.

It has been our custom for many years, in the fall, to read over the unsolicited testimonials that have arrived during the season. The reading again of these letters always brightens our labor upon THE FARM ANNUAL, and we feel very grateful to the writers for their words of cheer,—showing that our earnest endeavor to supply **ONLY the Best Seeds** is fully appreciated. We regret that the crowded pages of our Catalogue allow space to publish but very few of the many received.

### The GEM COLLECTION,—see page 131.

MRS. GEO. W. GARDNER, Adams Centre, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1895, writes:—I have purchased collections and collections of flower seeds, but never had anything that began to be so nice as the 25-cent GEM COLLECTION you sent out last spring, and I just want to thank you for sending out *so cheap a collection that brings so much of joy and happiness*. Every one is a gem. I had fifty-five Coleus and every one a bouquet of itself. Then I have a great-grandfather of all *Petunias*, for size, and fringed and frilled, well, like our great-grandmothers' night-caps. And the *White-Branching Asters* are like little trees loaded with snowballs.

### BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW!

HOWELL HISE, Salem, O., Oct. 3, 1895, writes:—Allow me to add my name to the already long list of persons who have proven to their complete satisfaction that "BURPEE'S SEEDS DO GROW." The past season has been an exceptionally hard one with us, owing to the late frosts in the spring and a long drought through the summer, but your seeds did splendidly, coming up well and producing plants which stood the cold and drought remarkably well. BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA surprised every one who saw it; the bushes were so strong and stocky and completely loaded down with huge pods, while the Beans were far better flavored than the small Bush Lima or Sieva. *Burpee's White Wonder Cucumber* was very fine; Cucumbers creamy-white and produced in large numbers. The new Carrot from France also did well; Carrots are of good shape and size. Your Collection of SWEET PEAS was most beautiful, as were also the *Fordhook Phlox* and *Fordhook Famous Verbena*. Taken all in all, there are no seeds better than BURPEE'S, and few equal, while first, last, and always they *do grow*.

### PANSY Collection,—see page 163.

GEORGE SCHEER, Sheboygan, Wis., July 11, 1895, writes:—I wish to thank you for the fine quality of PANSY SEED you sent me in your twenty-five-cent Collection,—I never invested a quarter better in all my life. I wish you could see my Pansies, I would not sell them for \$5.00. The Defiance and Giant Trimardeau Pansies I have on beds separate from the others and the flowers range in size from the smallest, one and a half inches, to two and a half inches, and those colors,—black, pure white, black with red border, real red Pansies, the prettiest dark blue imaginable, the strangest combination of brown and gray, and two I have that are red, white, and blue. I never saw anything like them. Every day some new pleasure awaits me at my Pansy beds, I can't get sick of looking at them. I have also three large beds of SWEET PEAS and they are *splendid*; never saw such strong, sturdy plants. I pick a big bunch of flowers every day and they are just beginning to blossom. I shall miss no chance of recommending your seeds.

HOWARD O'CONNOR, Harrodsburg, Ky., Nov. 25, 1894, writes:—I cannot refrain from expressing to you the satisfaction your seeds have given me. I have bought my seed from you for the past *nine years*, and found you to be the most reliable and generous Seedsmen and *your seed to be the best in the country*, and I have dealt with all houses. *Once a customer, always a customer* of BURPEE'S.

## FORDHOOK'S VISITORS.

### Farmers and Others Inspect a Great Institution.

### GUESTS OF MESSRS. BURPEE & CO.

A Day Spent on the Great Seed Farm Near Doylestown—Many Acres Under Cultivation—Seeds Are Carefully Tested—Fordhook a School.

Under the above heading THE DAILY REPUBLICAN, Doylestown, Thursday, August 22, 1895, devoted its first three columns to a report of our "Farmers' Picnic." We have reprinted liberal extracts from this and two other Doylestown papers, which we will enclose with every order received from THE FARM ANNUAL during January, February, and March. After April 1st this reprint will be sent with orders only when asked for.

### Not a Poor Seed in Twelve Years!

MR. J. W. KING, Eulogy, Texas, Aug. 7, 1895, writes:—I can with a clear conscience recommend your seeds. I have been buying seeds from you for twelve years; if you will look on your books you will find my first order in the year 1883, and I have never found a package of poor seed in the twelve years.

ISELL ELEVATOR Co., Stockbridge, Mich., April 25, 1895, writes:—We have sold your seed at this point for two or three years now and people are finding out that "BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW," and are true to name. We will have a larger sale of seeds this year than ever before, all on account of the good quality of the seed sent us by you.

G. L. HOSFORD, Beaver Crossing, Neb., April 22, 1895, writes:—I have purchased seeds from you for twelve years, buying from \$2.00 to \$5.00 worth annually, and have always been satisfied; not once have the seeds failed to grow.

### First Premium on Sweet Peas.

MRS. W. B. SCHMITT, Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1894, writes:—I wish to tell you what success I had with your Collection of SWEET PEAS. I received first premium at the County Fair on them. I planted in April; they commenced to flower in July and were in continuous bloom through a very dry summer, and on November 4th I picked a bouquet six inches in diameter.

MISS L. E. KEYTE, Owosso, Mich., Oct. 14, 1895, writes:—I bought an ounce of *Eckford's Surpassing Mixture* of SWEET PEAS, and I can safely say I have picked four bushels of blossoms from them and they are still blooming. People from all parts of the city have come to see them; they have done wonders this year. We also tried *Burpee's Bush Lima Bean* and found them all they are claimed.

### Sweet Peas,—Surpassingly Beautiful.

W. E. KEISTER, Essex, Iowa, July 17, 1895, writes:—Last spring I got your 25-cent Collection of SWEET PEAS and the Booklet "*All About Sweet Peas*," and cultivated them as directed as near as I could. The result is *wonderful*. We picked the first blossoms June 1st and have picked them every day or every other day since. If we leave them two days we get a bunch about the size of a man's head, and to say they are *beautiful* hardly expresses it. Many of my neighbors have Sweet Pea beds, but they all go to see mine and acknowledge that theirs are nowhere. These are the first I have ever raised and I cannot say enough in praise of them.

**Liberal "Extras" Free with Orders.** As stated on second page cover, the Purchaser can select **extra PACKETS** to the value of 25 cts. for each **One Dollar** sent us for seeds in **PACKETS**. Every purchaser is **ALSO** entitled to select any of the **New Books** and other Premiums as offered on pages 6 to 11, at the rate of *ten cents on each dollar*. Besides these liberal premiums we have put up several **Choice NOVELTIES** in sample packets, which we will take pleasure in distributing **FREE** when filling orders. In recognition of the fact that our success is due to having all customers thoroughly satisfied, it is our aim to give better value for the money invested than can be obtained elsewhere.



# Greatest NOVELTY in Flowers Ever Known!



A POT-PLANT OF CUPID. *The first and only Dwarf Sweet Pea.*

## Dwarf Sweet Pea, CUPID.

Grows but five inches high and blooms so freely for months that it appears a *perfect mass of white*,—the leaves being quite hidden. The flowers, of fine form and large size, are of the most perfect white, and the plants remain in full bloom two months longer than any other Sweet Pea. It is very useful for bedding.

See page 122.

## SWEET PEAS FOR THE MILLION!

We are determined that, so far as in our power, every American garden shall have the best NEW SWEET PEAS in 1896. That none of our customers, some of whom usually order only Vegetable Seeds, may overlook SWEET PEAS, we here repeat briefly the special offer on the *Lithographed Leaflet* enclosed with this Catalogue.

### 25 Cts. buys these Seven Superb Sweet Peas:

**BLANCHE BURPEE.** Eckford's "*finest of all Sweet Peas.*" Pure white flowers of immense size; three and four on a stem. See illustration herewith and also on page 118.

**DOROTHY TENNANT.** Flowers of large, expanded form; a deep rosy-mauve with wings of bluish-mauve.

**LADY PENZANCE.** Superb flowers of large size and exquisite color; beautiful laced pink, touching orange.

**NEW LOTTIE ECKFORD.** Remarkably beautiful, large flowers; white, edged and suffused with lavender-blue.

**ROYAL ROBE.** The largest and *best soft pink*; a lovely flower of exquisite beauty.

**STANLEY.** The flowers are produced abundantly in fours on long stems and are of a rich dark maroon. Exceptionally fine for bouquets—the best dark Sweet Pea. See illustration.

**"1896" SPECIAL SUPERFINE MIXED.** *This mixture contains only the very best Eckford Sweet Peas.* It is a choice blending of seventeen large-flowered new named varieties, as enumerated on page 126.

The Seven Superb Sweet Peas named above, in same sized packets, would have cost \$1.00 in 1895, but are now sold for 25 cents.

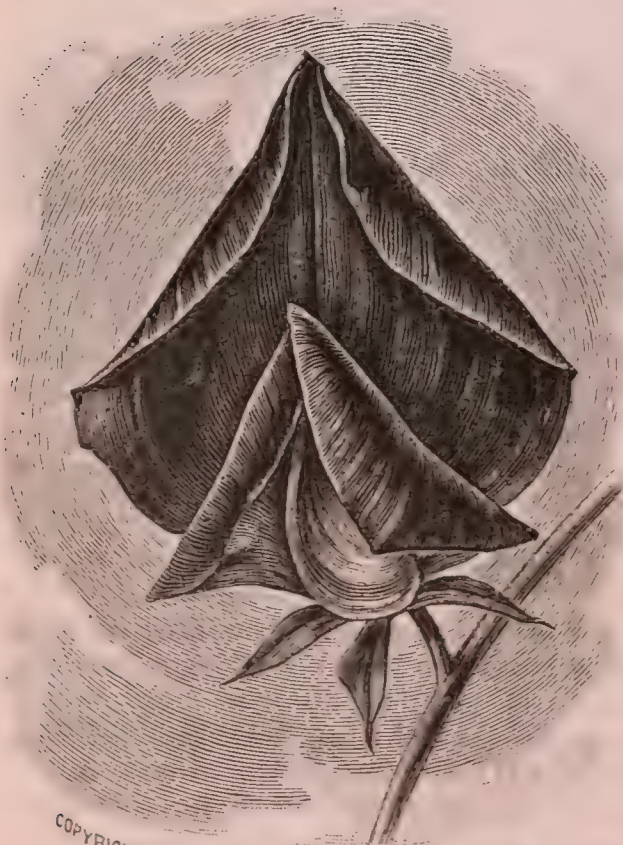
With each collection we include "JUST HOW TO GROW SWEET PEAS; FULL DIRECTIONS BY AN EXPERT." Every garden can now have the *Most Beautiful New Sweet Peas* at merely nominal cost. For further particulars about these and other Sweet Peas please read pages 117 to 126. Get four friends to order and you will have a collection FREE, as we send, postpaid, five collections for \$1.00.

**FOR 10 CTS.** extra any purchaser can have a copy of PAUL de LONGPRE'S NEW STUDY of SWEET PEAS,—beautifully reproduced from the original painting made last summer at FORDHOOK FARM. A handsome picture, size 13 x 16½ inches, for framing, bearing no advertising whatever. For further description see page 11.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Philadelphia.



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# BIRPEE'S STANDARD VEGETABLE SEEDS.

In the following pages we offer not only **all the good STANDARD VARIETIES** of Vegetables, but also many **NOVELTIES** and **SPECIALTIES** of recent introduction, the intrinsic merits of which we have thoroughly proved. **Every variety is tested** each year at **FORDHOOK FARM**, and by careful comparisons with stocks from other seedsmen we know that *it is impossible anywhere to procure better seeds than those sold by us*. By these trials we also learn the *merits and demerits* of every known vegetable and save our customers from loss and disappointment by refusing to catalogue those that are comparatively worthless. It will be noticed also that we have given the **synonymous names** (in parentheses), in order to prevent confusion where a variety has unfortunately received more than one name.

## SEEDS POSTPAID BY MAIL.

Please bear in mind that our prices in the following list include prepayment of postage by us on all seeds ordered by the **packet, ounce, quarter pound, pound, pint, or quart**. We always **guarantee safe delivery of the Seeds, by mail, postpaid**.

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ON ALL ORDERS  
FOR SEEDS—  
IN PACKETS—  
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the purchaser may select **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS' WORTH EXTRA** for Each **ONE DOLLAR** sent us. Thus, any one sending us **\$1.00** can select seeds in packets amounting to **\$1.25**; for **\$2.00**, seeds in packets to the value of **\$2.50**, and so on. See also **BOOKS as PREMIUMS**, pages 7 to 11. See premiums on **DOLLAR ORDERS**, pages 6, 7.



## ARTICHOKE.

The **Globe Artichoke** is cultivated for its flower heads, which are cooked like asparagus. On account of its hardiness, easy culture, and perennial nature, this plant should be more generally grown. Plants set in any good garden soil two feet apart, with slight covering in winter, will remain in bearing a long time.

**Large Green Globe.** The standard variety. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.

**NEW EARLY VIOLET CAMPANIA.** The flower heads are formed early; are thick, fleshy, and of rich flavor. Per pkt. 15 cts.; oz. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$4.00. 

## ASPARAGUS.

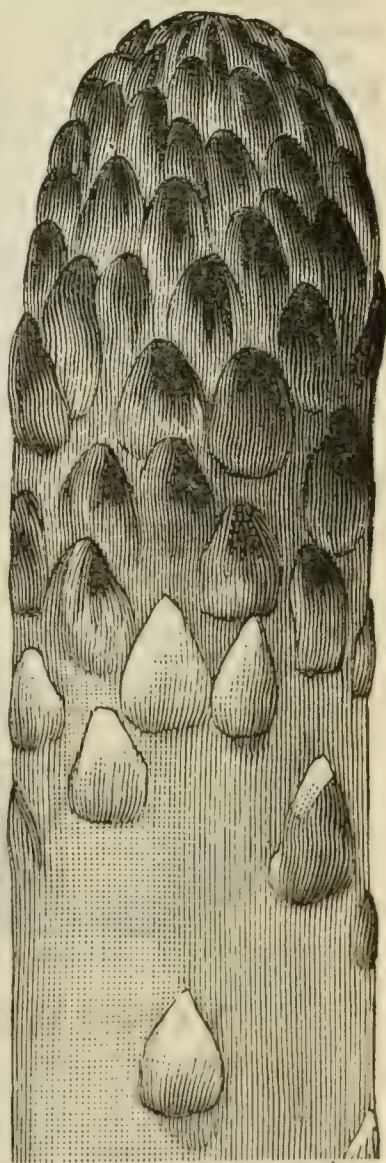
**CONOVER'S COLOSSAL.** The standard variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts. One-year-old roots 75 cts. per 100; \$1.00 per 100 if by mail; \$4.50 per 1000; two-year-old roots \$1.00 per 100; \$6.00 per 1000—sent by express at expense of purchaser.

**BARR'S MAMMOTH.** This fine new variety has brought in market thirty-five cents a bunch when other asparagus was selling for ten and fifteen cents. The stalks are very large, frequently an inch in diameter, with few scales; *the stalks retain their thickness completely up to the top of the shoots, and have close, round heads*. They are very quick growing; the stalks are *very tender and succulent*, entirely free from woody fiber, and make shoots fit for market in a single day.

**Price of seed**, per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**Good, strong roots**, 50 for 75 cts.; \$1.25 per 100 by mail, postpaid; by express, at expense of purchaser, \$1.00 per 100; 250 for \$2.00; 500 for \$4.00, or \$7.50 per 1000.

**COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH WHITE.** Not since the introduction of the *Barr's Mammoth* have we considered any of the several new varieties of Asparagus worthy of prominence in our Catalogue, and now while we personally still prefer *Barr's Mammoth*, others, however, whose taste is for a white asparagus, will prefer the *New Columbian Mammoth White*, because "it furnishes *white shoots* which *stay white* as long as fit for use, without earthing up or any other artificial blanching; and because it can be absolutely depended upon to give eighty to ninety per cent. of white plants from seed." Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25. Roots, one year old, 50 for 75 cts.; \$1.25 per 100, by mail, postpaid. By express, at expense of purchaser, one-year-old roots, \$1.00 per 100; 250 for \$2.00; 500 for \$3.50, or \$6.50 per 1000; two-year-old, \$1.25 per 100; 250 for \$2.25; 500 for \$4.00, or \$7.50 per 1000.



BARR'S MAMMOTH





IMPROVED ROUND-POD RED VALENTINE BEAN.

## BEANS,—Dwarf or Bush.

Of the many varieties of Beans the following list comprises the very best, of all of which our stock is extra choice, the crops each year being carefully "rogued" and the seed stocks improved by continued intelligent selection.

*Please remember that the prices here quoted are for Seed Beans by mail, postpaid, to any address in the United States. If ordered by express, deduct 15 cts. per quart, or, for larger quantities, by express or freight, see BULK PRICE-LIST, Page 100.*

**BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN-POD.** See page 18 of *Novelties for 1896*. Per liberal pkt. 15 cts.

**EARLY MOHAWK.** A very hardy, productive, and early String Bean. It will endure a slight frost. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**Early Yellow Six Weeks.** Extra early, of fair quality; pods straight. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**ROUND YELLOW SIX WEEKS.** An improved round-podded variety of the preceding; equally as early and of better quality; very prolific and is a great favorite. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.

**Refugee.** Hardy, productive; pods thick-fleshed; not very early. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**China Red-Eye.** Pods of good quality if picked young. The beans are excellent shelled, green or dry. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts., postpaid.

**EXTRA EARLY RED VALENTINE (Best Improved Round Pod Strain).** One of the very best snap-shorts; round, fleshy pods, which mature quickly and are of first-rate quality. This is the most popular of all green-podded beans. We have always kept abreast of the improvements made in so important a variety, and have for some years past grown a strain that is unequalled in extra earliness, evenness, and handsome, round-podded appearance. In fact, so very choice is this strain of "**Valentines**," that one of our growers, in his enthusiasm, speaks of it as "*Gilt-Edged*" and "*Double-Distilled*." There certainly is none better, and it has not failed to satisfy all market gardeners. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.



BURPEE'S PERFECTION WAX BEAN.

**BURPEE'S PERFECTION WAX.** Introduced in 1887, BURPEE'S PERFECTION WAX BEAN was developed from the Scarlet Flageolet Dwarf Wax, perfected by eight years' careful selection, and named in our honor by A. H. Ansley, of Yates County, N. Y. For vigor of growth and immense productiveness it is scarcely equaled by any other Dwarf Wax Bean, the plants being loaded with the long, rich pods. The magnificent, large, golden-yellow pods are of the most handsome appearance and fine quality, being stringless, tender, and of very rich flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; per quart 50 cts., postpaid.

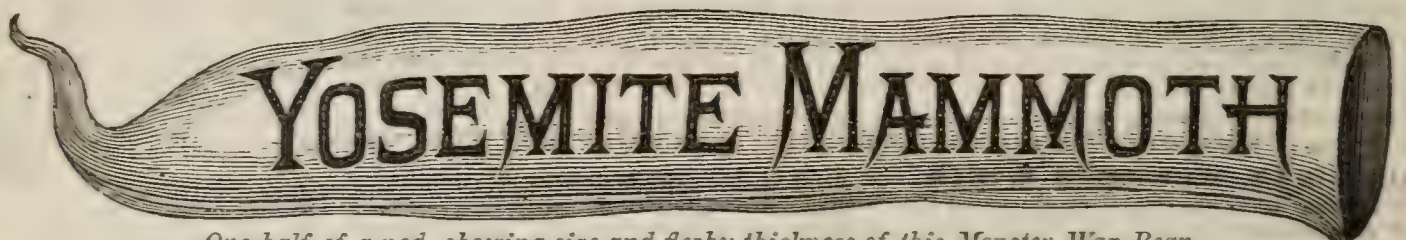
**GOLDEN-EYED WAX.** Popular with market gardeners on account of its hardy and prolific character. The pods are borne well off the ground; entirely free from blight and rust. The numerous pods, of a bright golden-yellow, present a very handsome appearance on market; they are not, however, entirely stringless. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**DWARF GERMAN BLACK WAX.** A popular first-early snap-short, with round, yellowish-white pods, of fine flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**NEW PROLIFIC GERMAN WAX (Cylinder Pod Dwarf Black Wax).** For many years the old German Black Wax Dwarf Bean has been a great favorite, both with market gardeners and private planters, on account of the fine quality and early maturity of its tender, yellow wax pods. While it retains all the good qualities of its parent, the pods are straighter, longer, and rounder, while it is more than twice as productive in yield. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 40 cts.

**GOLDEN WAX.** Earlier than the ordinary wax. Pods are large, long, brittle, stringless, of a rich golden wax color. Our stock is perfectly free from runners. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**IMPROVED RUST-PROOF GOLDEN WAX.** This improved strain is destined to supersede the well-known Golden Wax, which it has greatly out-yielded in repeated comparative trials. The straight, handsome pods are thicker through, superior in quality, and are claimed by the originator to be absolutely rust-proof. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.



One-half of a pod, showing size and fleshy thickness of this Monster Wax Bean.

## YOSEMITE MAMMOTH WAX BUSH BEAN.

THE YOSEMITE, or *Monster Wax*, is a very distinct Novelty, combining exquisite quality and productiveness with enormous size. The mammoth pods average eight to ten inches in length, are the thickness of a man's finger, full of fleshy pulp, as shown in the illustration, and of a rich, golden color, making a most handsome appearance either on the plant or on the table. We feel sure that the unusual size and handsome waxen appearance will make this giant among Beans a general favorite. Per package 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid.



## BUSH BEANS—Continued.

**BLUE-PODDED BUTTER BEAN.** (See illustration of a natural size pod herewith.) This is one of the most remarkable and strikingly odd novelties in Beans ever introduced. The compact, bushy plants grow uniformly only twelve inches high, and bear abundantly pods five to six inches long, each containing from six to seven beans. The leaves and stems even are of a bright purple color, which becomes more intense as the season advances, and form, when covered with the pinkish-purple flowers and rich, deep-blue pods, a most showy, blackish-purple bush. Beneath the thin, dark-blue skin of the pods the flesh is green and very thick. The entire pods cook a rich green, making a most attractive dish on the table, while they are very tender, stringless, and of a rich and most delicious flavor. TRY IT! Per liberal pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 30 cts.

**BEST OF ALL.** This superb variety originated in Germany, and we offered it in the North for the first time in 1886. The pods are six inches long, very fleshy, succulent, and of rich flavor; they are produced early and abundantly. Altogether it is one of the most valuable green-podded beans for market or family use. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

**EMPEROR WILLIAM.** This is claimed to be not only the largest-podded of all Bush Beans, but also the earliest. The large, flat, handsome green pods are borne in great profusion. It is worthy a place in all private and market gardens, for, in addition to the good points named, it can also be used as a dry white shell bean. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**KIDNEY WAX.** This new Wax Bean is claimed to be the most productive of all. It is also very early and the pods are extra large and very handsome, both in color and form, tender and fine. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

**NEW BLACK EYE WAX.** The seed is white with black markings around the eye. It is the earliest Wax Bean in cultivation; the pods are about an inch longer than the Golden Wax, and plants are vigorous in growth. It is very productive; the pods are of large size and beautiful in color. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.

**BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK.** See Novelties, page 17. This distinct new Bean produces saddle-back pods as thick through as they are broad, full of meat, and absolutely stringless. It is the best in quality of all wax beans, and will prove the most attractive on market; every gardener should try it. Read page 17.

## VARIETIES FOR SHELL BEANS.

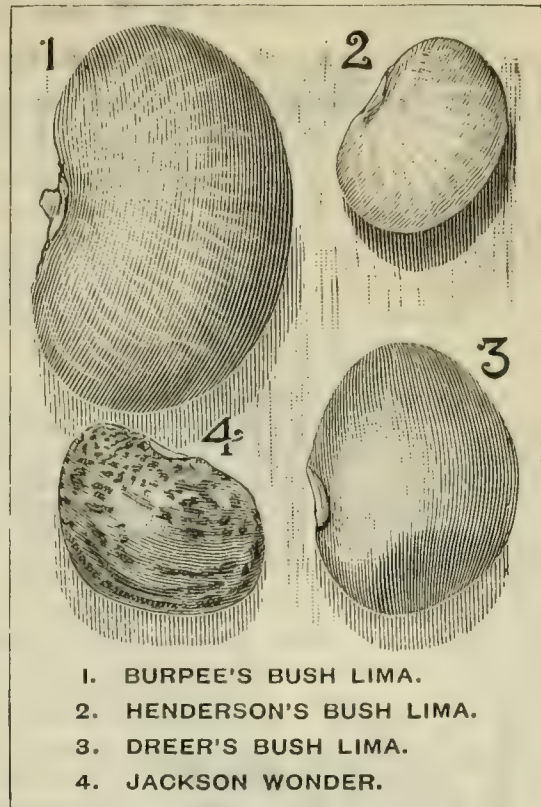
**CHAMPION BUSH.** It is very productive; the pods, four to five inches in length, are of a light-green color, and contain from five to seven large, red beans, of finest flavor, either green or dry. The pods of this variety, while flat, are very tender and of fine quality for "snap-shorts" or "string-beans." Taken all in all, one of the very best dwarf beans for summer or winter. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

**THE GODDARD, or BOSTON FAVORITE.** Particularly valuable as a shell bean, being very large, handsome, and of delicious flavor, either green or dry. It is very productive. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**White Marrowfat.** Extensively grown in field crops for sale as a dry bean for winter use. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts., postpaid.

**PROLIFIC TREE-BEAN.** This variety, for field culture on rich soil, is very prolific; it grows to the height of eighteen to twenty inches, branching in all directions. One of our customers in Ohio sent us a plant bearing three hundred and ninety-nine full-sized pods. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

## FOUR BUSH LIMAS.



1. BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.  
2. HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA.  
3. DREER'S BUSH LIMA.  
4. JACKSON WONDER.

## BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

Never before in the history of the seed trade has any variety created such a profound sensation as this, "the most remarkable of New Vegetables;" the ONLY bush form of the TRUE delicious Large Lima. It is pronounced by all good judges as unquestionably THE REAL BUSH LIMA, distinct and superior in every way—in its splendidly vigorous, upright, bushy habit of growth, great uniformity and trueness to type, and always bearing the delicious large Lima beans in great abundance. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it. The largest Lima beans can now be raised in quantity at small cost, without the expense and labor of poles. See page 16.

## HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA BEAN.

While the beans are small (being of the Sieva or Sewee type, known in the South as "butter beans"), yet they are ready for the table earlier than the Large Lima, and the little pods, growing in clusters, are plentiful. The compact, dwarf bushes are of hardy growth and very prolific, bearing continuously until the end of the season. Each bush generally matures from forty to eighty pods, while under extra cultivation specimen plants have been raised which bore from two hundred to three hundred. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per pint 25 cts.; quart 40 cts.

## KUMERLE, OR DREER'S BUSH LIMA.

This is a true bush form of the small, chubby Dreer's or Potato Pole Lima, described on page 43. It originated with a market gardener in Northern New Jersey, and the bushes grow from one and a half to two feet high, of vigorous growth and quite prolific, the prize bush in 1892 bearing one hundred and eighty-five pods. A natural size bean is shown herewith; neither pods nor beans are nearly so large as BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA, while they are also late in maturing. We find the serious objection to this Bush Lima is that it is not upright in growth, but very much inclined to spread, sending out strong laterals, which lie flat upon the ground. The pods are heavy and thick, set well under the leaves, which, together with the fact that so many of the branches lie flat on the ground, makes them inclined to mildew and rot; for this reason, and from the fact that it is late in bearing, it should have the advantage of an early, rich, sandy soil. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts.

## JACKSON WONDER DWARF LIMA.

Although not sustaining the extravagant claims made by the introducers, yet, after four years' careful comparative trials at FORDHOOK FARM, we would pronounce it a prolific strain of the Speckled Sieva, or Small Lima, of established bush character and real merit, resembling Henderson's Bush Lima, but larger in size of beans, with better filled pods; it is also more easily shelled than the Henderson Lima. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts., postpaid.



# BEANS—Pole or Running.

The prices quoted below are for Beans, postpaid, by mail; by express or freight, the price is 15 cts. per quart less.

 See page 100 for prices by the Peck and Bushel.

**BURPEE'S WHITE ZULU.** So named because of the mammoth size of its white pods and the jet blackness of its dry beans. It grows quickly, clings well to the poles, with leaves of immense size, and produces pods ready for the table in seven weeks from date of planting. The pods are remarkably handsome, of a waxy appearance, nearly pure white in color, very broad, fleshy, and perfectly stringless. Even when fully grown, eight to ten inches long and proportionately broad, the pods still retain their exceptionally fine quality, while their white color when cooked is very attractive. THE WHITE ZULU is so wonderfully prolific that a few poles will keep a family supplied. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 40 cts.; quart 75 cts., postpaid.

**BURPEE'S SUNSHINE WAX.** BURPEE'S SUNSHINE is a good, strong grower, but does not make such a rank growth of foliage as *The Golden Cluster*, while outyielding it in crop. The bright, light-yellow pods are borne in clusters of three and four at every joint of the vines, and on a pole in full bearing the yellow of the pods greatly predominates over the green of the foliage,—well warranting its name, *SUNSHINE*. The pods, six to eight inches long, are perfectly straight, and although flat when young, are meaty, of finest quality, and entirely stringless. The dry beans are rich brown in color and of good quality for winter use. The great productiveness and hardiness of this variety render it particularly valuable for general cultivation, as, grown either on poles in the garden or with a field crop of corn, it can be used as a snap bean throughout the season and the surplus saved for winter use. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid.

## WHITE CREASEBACK, or BEST-OF-ALL.

The best early green-podded Pole Bean. It is a good grower and exceedingly productive, the long pods being produced all over the vines, in clusters of from four to twelve. The handsome green pods grow from five to six inches long, perfectly round, with a crease in the back, hence the name. The pods are entirely stringless, very fleshy, and as string beans are of superb quality. The entire crop is matured extremely early, and if shipped to market, the green string beans will keep well, while they always command the highest prices. Of all green-podded pole beans, *Creaseback* is undoubtedly the best for early and *Lazy Wife's* for late use. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**LAZY WIFE'S.** The pods, of medium, dark-green color, measure from four and a half to six inches in length. They retain their rich, tender, and stringless qualities until nearly ripe, and at all stages are unsurpassed for snap-shorts, being peculiarly luscious. Each pod contains from six to eight round, white beans, which make excellent winter shell beans. They are late to mature, but are valuable to extend the season. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid.

**GOLDEN CLUSTER.** If the pods are picked as they are ready for use, they will continue to bear until late in the season; it is a strong grower with an abundance of foliage, and the vines cling well to the poles. The pods are a beautiful golden-yellow color and of large size, averaging from seven to eight inches long and three-fourths of an inch in width. Although the pods are quite flat, they are fleshy, absolutely stringless, and very brittle, while their flavor is most delicious. Pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts.

**GOLDEN WAX FLAGEOLET.** The pods are seven and a half to eight inches long, of a rich golden-yellow color; round, full, and fleshy; entirely free from strings and of superb quality. The vines, while quite young, produce the pods in great abundance, near the ground, as early as any Dwarf Wax Bean, while they continue to grow and bear profusely the entire season. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid.

**Horticultural, Cranberry, or Wren's Egg.** An old favorite for both snap-shorts and dry beans. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**OLD HOMESTEAD (Improved Kentucky Wonder).** The introducers described this Bean as follows:—"In our trial grounds last summer it was fit for the table on August 1st, which was at least ten days earlier than any other green sort. It is enormously productive, the pods hanging in great clusters from top to bottom of pole. It is entirely stringless, and the pods are a silvery-green color." Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

**SOUTHERN PROLIFIC, or Kentucky Wonder.** Produces, in clusters, excellent snap-short beans in eighty days. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**White Dutch Case Knife.** As early as Valentine; very productive, large pods; very good for shell beans. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 45 cts.

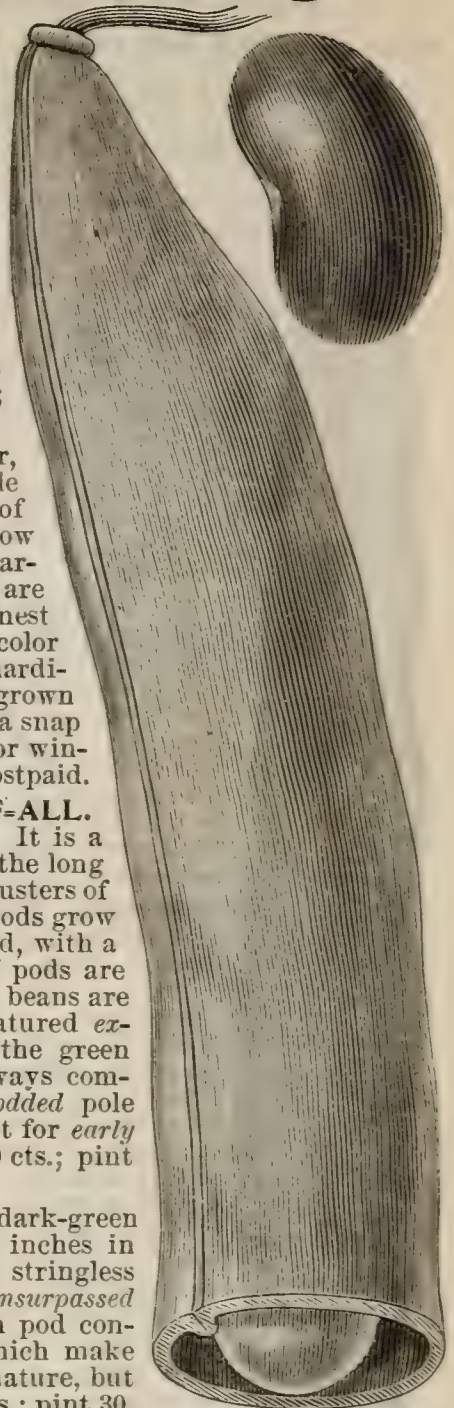
**ANSLEY'S IMPROVED PROLIFIC DUTCH RUNNER.** Earlier than the old Dutch Runner and marvelously prolific,—the vines being crowded with pods in large clusters. The shelled beans, either fresh or dry for winter use, are of very fine quality. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 35 cts., postpaid.

**SCARLET RUNNER.** Ornamental as well as useful. It grows ten feet high, and produces bright-scarlet flowers. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**YARD LONG, or Cuban Asparagus Bean.** This is quite a curiosity. It is a Pole Bean, with dark-green foliage, and pods growing two feet and upward in length. The pods, of such extraordinary length, are produced abundantly. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.





LAZY WIFE'S POLE BEAN.



One-half pod of  
WHITE ZULU.



# VARIETIES OF POLE LIMA BEANS.

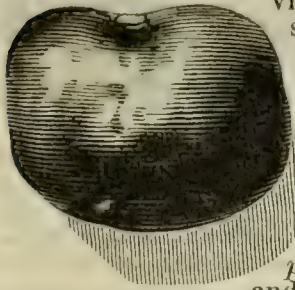
 The prices here quoted are for the seed beans, postpaid, by mail.  For prices by the quart, or in larger quantities, to be sent by express or freight, at the expense of purchaser, see **BULK Price List, page 100.**

## SMALL LIMAS, or "BUTTER BEANS."

When *Henderson's Bush Lima Bean* was first introduced, in 1889, Mr. Palmer, an experienced trucker of Chester County, came into our Philadelphia office quite indignant one day, saying, "Why, that is no Lima at all,—I have a *real bush Lima*,"—and so he had; and after trial we gladly purchased what is to-day famous throughout the world as *Burpee's Bush Lima*,—the only dwarf Large Lima Bean. But we want to explain to others, as we then did to Mr. Palmer, that there are two types of Lima Beans,—those under this heading (like *Henderson's Bush Lima*), being the *Small Lima, Carolina, Sieva or Sewee* type, highly esteemed throughout the South as "*Butter Beans*," and also well worth growing North, as they are *hardier, earlier, and immensely productive*. They also make good winter shell beans,—in fact, to our taste the *New Early Black Lima* gives the best-flavored winter shell beans we know.

**Small Lima, Carolina, Sieva or Sewee.** Seed about half the size, but earlier and hardier than the Large Lima. Per pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

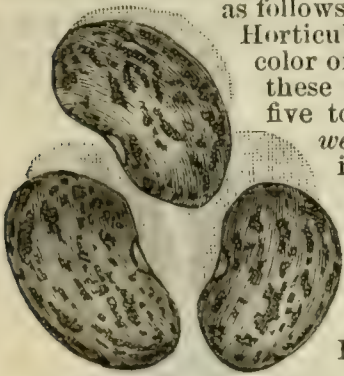
**NEW EARLY BLACK LIMA.** This valuable early Pole Lima, first named and introduced by us, is *fully ten days to two weeks earlier than any other Lima*. The beans are so full and plump that the ends are crowded square, and partly overlap each other. The vines possess great vigor and wonderful productiveness, customers widely separated throughout the United States having sent us vines bearing **1647, 1695, 1908, 1954, 2013** pods respectively, by actual count. The seeds, which are about half the size of the Large Lima, do not rot in the ground so readily as the latter. The vine is quite hardy, and enormously productive, the clusters being borne in such profusion upon the poles that they present the appearance of *veritable ropes of pods*. The pods have a uniform length of about three and a half inches, and contain three and four beans each. The beans are noted for their extreme tenderness, delicate quality, and delicious flavor, both fresh and *dried for winter use*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 35 cts.; per quart 65 cts., postpaid, by mail.



**WILLOW LEAF LIMA BEAN.** Its great vigor, length of vine, and enormous productiveness is simply wonderful, single vines measuring more than sixteen feet and bearing over seventeen hundred pods. It differs from all other beans known in its beautiful, *deeply cut* foliage, aptly described by its name—**Willow Leaf**. The pods are of the *Sieva or Sewee* type, larger in size than *Henderson's Bush Lima*, well filled with the pure white beans, which are tender and of fine flavor. It matures beans ready for the table very early, and bears throughout the season. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 30 cts.; per quart 55 cts., postpaid.



**HORTICULTURAL LIMA POLE BEAN.** The introducer describes it as follows:—"It is a cross between the Common Lima and Horticultural beans. It has the shape of the former and color of the latter, while its flavor is a combination of these two finest of beans. It is very prolific, bearing five to seven beans in each pod, and is *fully three weeks earlier than any other Lima*. It can be grown in our Northern States and Canada where no other Lima will mature, and we believe it is the great bean of the future for the entire world." Tested at **FORDHOOK FARM**, we find it comes perfectly true from seed, but personally we prefer the *Early Black Lima* for green-shelled beans—coming, as it does, even *earlier*. Pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid.



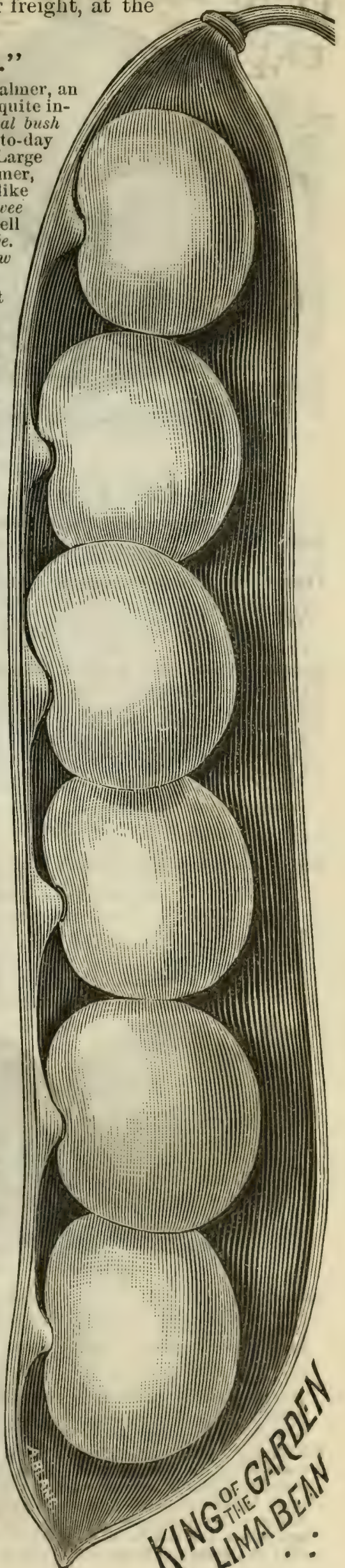
## The LARGE LIMAS.

**EXTRA EARLY JERSEY LIMA.** The beans are nearly as large and fully as good as the Large Limas, while they mature nearly as early as the Small Lima. The vines are vigorous in growth, bearing profusely large, broad pods. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid.

**CHALLENGER—DREER'S IMPROVED, or Potato Lima.** Early and very productive; if measured in the green state, the pods are smaller than in the Large White Lima, but the beans are very plump, and are so close together in the pods as to crowd against each other. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid.

**LARGE WHITE LIMA.** The well-known favorite summer and winter shell bean. Being very tender, it should not be planted until the ground is warm. The beans will come up sooner if the eye in the seed is placed downward. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid.

**KING OF THE GARDEN LIMA.** While the dried beans are about the same size as the common Large Lima, the *green* beans are of unusual size, sometimes even larger than those shown in the illustration herewith. The pods are from five and a half to eight inches long, and frequently contain five or six very large beans. One pod was grown that measured nine and a quarter inches when green. Specimens have been selected *five on a stem*, and each pod containing five beans. The beans are so large and handsome that they sell well on market, while in quality they are excellent. The pods are produced in large clusters, and the luxuriant vines present a beautiful sight, so thickly laden with the enormous pods. Per large pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 60 cts., postpaid.







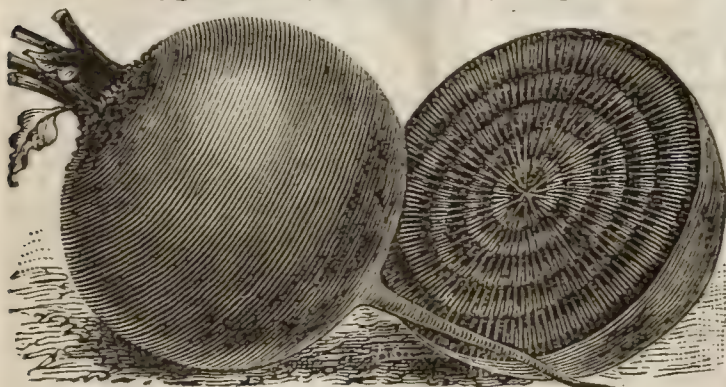
## BEETS.

Please note that our prices are for seeds, postpaid, by mail. If ordered by express or freight, at purchaser's expense, 8 cts. per pound may be deducted.

**True Dark STINSON BEET.** Introduced by us in 1895, we are fortunate in being able to offer the true strain of this celebrated Philadelphia variety. See illustration and description on first page of *Novelties for 1896*.

**BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY TURNIP BEET.** We recommend BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY most highly for extra earliness, fine quality, and productiveness. It is fully as early and of better quality than the Egyptian. It makes a fine market crop in seven or eight weeks from sowing. Of fine, globular shape, good size, and very smooth roots. In color the flesh is of alternate rings of light and dark pink; it boils red; very tender and sweet. See illustration above. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**BASTIAN'S EXTRA EARLY RED TURNIP BEET.** Extra early, of quick, large growth; flesh very tender, and retains its fine blood-red color when cooked. Highly esteemed by market gardeners in Philadelphia and the South. This variety, and *Burpee's Extra Early*, are preferred to the *Egyptian* in many sections for extra early, while, unlike the *Egyptian*, they are of good quality even when large and old. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 55 cts., postpaid.



ECLIPSE BEET.

**ECLIPSE.** The Eclipse is remarkable, not only for its wonderfully rapid growth, but also for the smallness of top and extra fine quality. It is fully as early as the *Egyptian*, and of better quality. The roots grow perfectly smooth, of round shape, intense blood-red skin and flesh, fine-grained and sweet. Its small top, extreme earliness, and heavy cropping qualities recommend it to market gardeners. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**EXTRA EARLY EGYPTIAN TURNIP.** Heretofore considered the earliest of all, growing with wonderful rapidity. Bulbs resemble a flat turnip in shape, and have blood-red flesh. Of good quality when young, and good for early use, the beets become stringy with age, hence are not to be used when large. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



**EDMAND'S EARLY TURNIP BEET.** This is one of the most uniformly "thoroughbred" of all Beets; with very small tops, the neat, short foliage is of a rich, bronzy red. The beets are of a handsome, round shape, very smooth and of good, marketable size. It does not grow very large and coarse where room is allowed, as do most varieties of the turnip beet; this quality, together with its short top, allows it to be grown closely together. Its uniformity, handsome appearance, small top, and single tap-root commend it most strongly to the market gardener, and for table use scarcely any other variety can equal it in fine quality; the skin is very deep blood-red in color; the flesh also is very dark red and sweet. Supply of seed is short this season. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**DEWING'S IMPROVED BLOOD TURNIP BEET.** Fine turnip form, very symmetrical in shape, and free from any fibrous roots. Flesh deep blood-red, very tender and sweet; grows uniformly to a good size. Early, and when sown late desirable for winter. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 55 cts.

**BASTIAN'S HALF-LONG BLOOD-RED BEET (Philadelphia Perfection).** This is a favorite variety with our Philadelphia truckers. The roots are of handsome shape and very fine quality. It is of quick growth, and ready to market soon after the Early Turnip varieties. For winter use, plant about the middle of July. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Early Blood-Red Turnip.** The old stand-by and a universal favorite. Deep blood color. Good early and late. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 55 cts.

**LONG, SMOOTH BLOOD RED.** An excellent late variety, both for table use and for cattle feeding. The beets are long and smooth, the flesh is a deep blood-red, very sweet and tender. It can be planted earlier than the Turnip Beets; it attains a large size and well resists the hot, dry weather of the summer. To produce a large crop the seed should be sown not later than the middle of June. These beets keep well throughout the winter. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.



BASTIAN'S HALF-LONG BEET.



## COLUMBIA BEET.

The handsome appearance of this distinct new Beet, shown in our colored plate of 1892, is well represented in the illustration herewith. The roots are of a neat turnip shape, with smooth skin and deep blood-red flesh, of rich, tender quality.

It is ready to use *very early*, growing as quickly as does the *Egyptian*, while it does not become

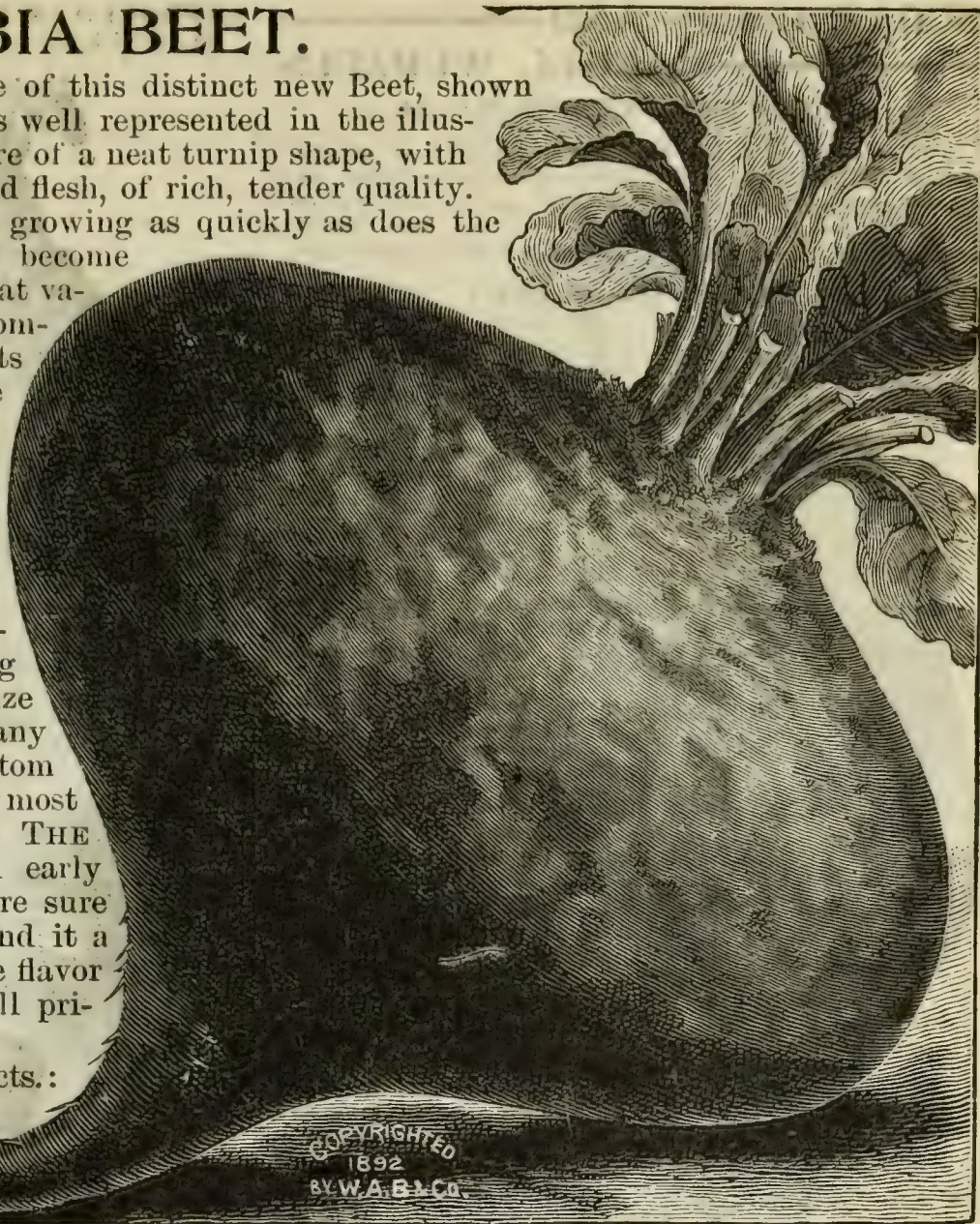
coarse and stringy, as does that variety when of large size. Compared with such famous sorts as *Edmand's* and *Eclipse*, the COLUMBIA has proved *earlier than either*, and even better

in quality than these two really first-class varieties.

In habit of growth it is *remarkably thoroughbred*, the foliage being

small, neat, and of a rich bronze color. We have received many voluntary letters from our customers, all of whom have been most enthusiastic in praise of THE COLUMBIA BEET, both as an early and main-crop variety. We are sure that market gardeners will find it a splendid variety, while its fine flavor as a table beet will delight all private planters.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.:  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



### BURPEE'S IMPROVED BLOOD TURNIP BEET.

This strain is the result of careful selection of the best roots for stock seed, and is remarkable for perfect symmetry of shape, freedom from side or fibrous roots, and fine quality. The tops are of small, neat, and uniform growth; leaf stems and veins dark red. The roots are rich dark red in color.

Flesh deep red, fine grain, very sweet and tender, retaining its blood-red color when cooked. It is an excellent variety for early market or family use, and if the seed is sown late is also unsurpassed for winter use. For a constant supply successive sowings of seed should be made throughout the spring and early summer. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.



BURPEE'S IMPROVED BLOOD TURNIP BEET.

**EARLY YELLOW TURNIP BEET.** Similar to the red turnip, except in color, which is bright yellow; of very sweet, fine flavor. Deserving of more general cultivation, as the yellow slices, mixed with the red beets, are attractive on the table. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**SWISS CHARD, or SILVER BEET (Large-Ribbed White Silver).** A distinct vegetable and much superior to the common beet for greens; it must be remembered, however, that the roots are of no value as beets. Sown early in the spring, it makes a rapid growth of leaves, and is fit for use for greens sooner than any other variety. Later the leaves grow very large, with broad, flat, beautifully white, wax-like stems and midribs, which may be cooked like asparagus or made into most attractive pickles. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



LARGE-RIBBED WHITE SWISS CHARD.



## SUGAR BEETS AND ————— MANGEL WURZELS.

### GROWN FOR FEEDING STOCK.

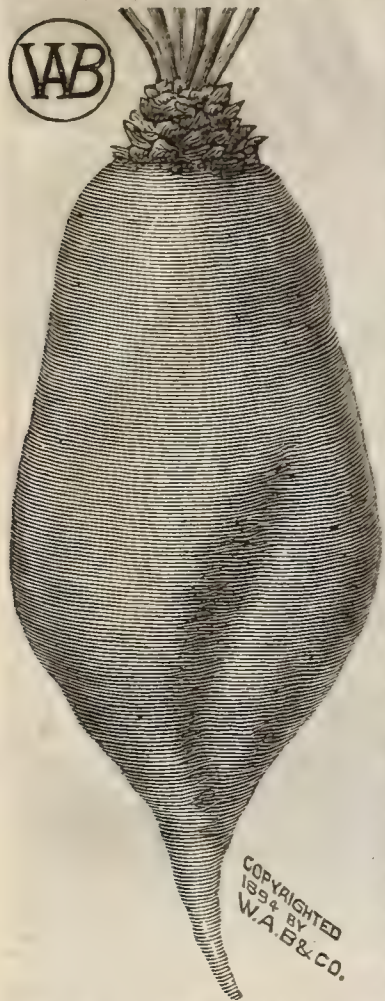
The value of these for stock feeding cannot be over-estimated. The results from their use are wonderful, as is clearly shown in the improved health and condition of animals; the increased yield of milk in cows, and the great saving in hay. They can be raised at a very trifling cost.

#### DANISH IMPROVED SUGAR BEET.

Of this Beet our friend, Mr. J. Pedersen-Bjergaard, wrote us from Copenhagen as follows:—

"This new variety is distinguished by its great productiveness in rich, deep soil in good cultivation, nearly approaching the standard varieties of Mangel Wurzels in yield of bulk (they standing closer than the Mangels), in connection with a high percentage of sugar and absence of deleterious salts, sometimes contained in Mangels in too great proportion. For fattening purposes and for feeding to milch cows, in cases where a liberal flow of rich, creamy milk is the main object (for butter production), this variety of root is, where the proper soil is at disposal, especially to be recommended."

We need only add that it has done excellently in America. The accompanying illustration has been engraved accurately from a photograph taken at FORDHOOK FARM. It is one of the cleanest and best beets for cattle feeding that we have. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; lb 90 cts.



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#### LANE'S IMPROVED IMPERIAL SUGAR BEET.

This is the most popular sugar beet for feeding cows, sheep, or swine. This beet will yield as much as most mangels, and contains eight per cent. of sugar. Has yielded thirty to forty tons per acre, at a cost of five cents per bushel. The large amount of healthy, nutritious food which is produced at so small a cost and its great value for cattle, sheep, and swine make this root very profitable for stock farmers. The beets grow to a large size, and are even more perfect in shape than shown in the illustration; very free from side roots. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, at 30 cts. per lb.

#### RED TOP SUGAR BEET.

This is a productive, hardy, and symmetrically-shaped variety. The root is slender, being about three to four inches in diameter at the shoulder, and tapers gradually to a point. This variety will yield a crop of nearly twenty tons to the acre, containing about eight per cent. of sugar. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, per lb 30 cts.; 5 lbs. at 25 cts. per lb.



LANE'S IMPROVED  
IMPERIAL SUGAR BEET.

#### IMPROVED MAMMOTH PRIZE LONG RED MANGEL (also called Norbitan Giant and Jumbo Mangel).

The heaviest cropping and best long Mangel. This mammoth variety grows to an immense size, single roots weighing twenty to thirty pounds each, and always of very fine texture and good quality. It is remarkable for the broad shoulder and massive shape of the root, by which a great weight is obtained without coarseness. In England it has produced from sixty to seventy-five tons of roots per acre. Henry Hodgson, of Millersville, Ohio, raised on one acre 55,750 lbs. of roots, from seed purchased from us. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, 30 cts. per lb; 5 lbs. or over at 25 cts. per lb.



#### YELLOW OVOID MANGEL.

This very handsome, olive-shaped variety is excellent for limestone soils. It is very productive, and as it grows fully two-thirds of its length above the surface it is very easily pulled. The skin is an orange-yellow, while the flesh is white, firm, and

highly nutritious. Per oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, 30 cts. per lb; 5 lbs. and over at 25 cts. per lb.

#### CHAMPION YELLOW OR ORANGE GLOBE MANGEL.

This is very productive, easily pulled, and an excellent keeper when stored in heaps for winter use. It is spherical in shape and is of an orange-yellow color, though the portion growing above the surface is tinged with green.

The flesh of the root is white, firm, and sugary. Per oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, 30 cts. per lb; 5 lbs. at 25 cts. per lb.



CHAMPION YELLOW GLOBE.

**RED GLOBE MANGEL.** This variety is valued for earliness and smooth, symmetrical, globe-shaped roots. The roots are about eight inches in diameter. Per oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, 30 cts. per lb.



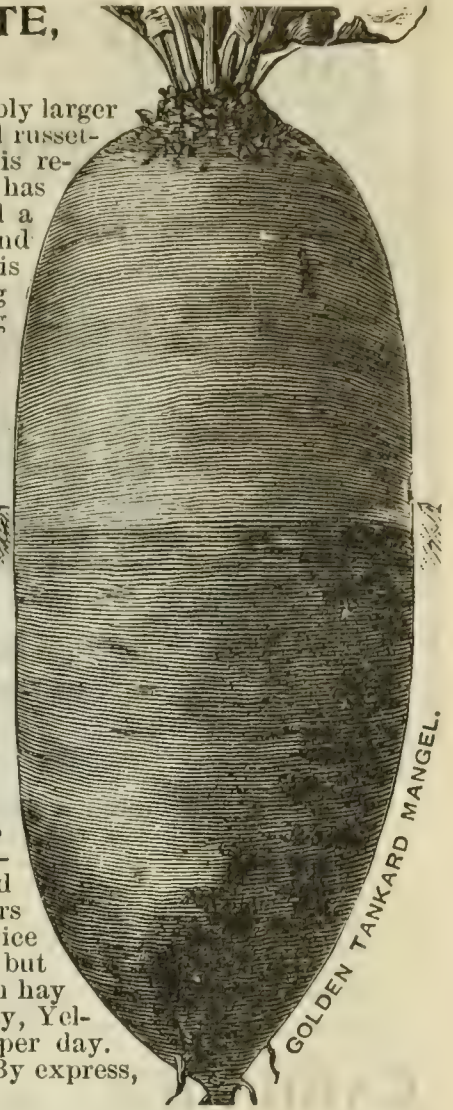
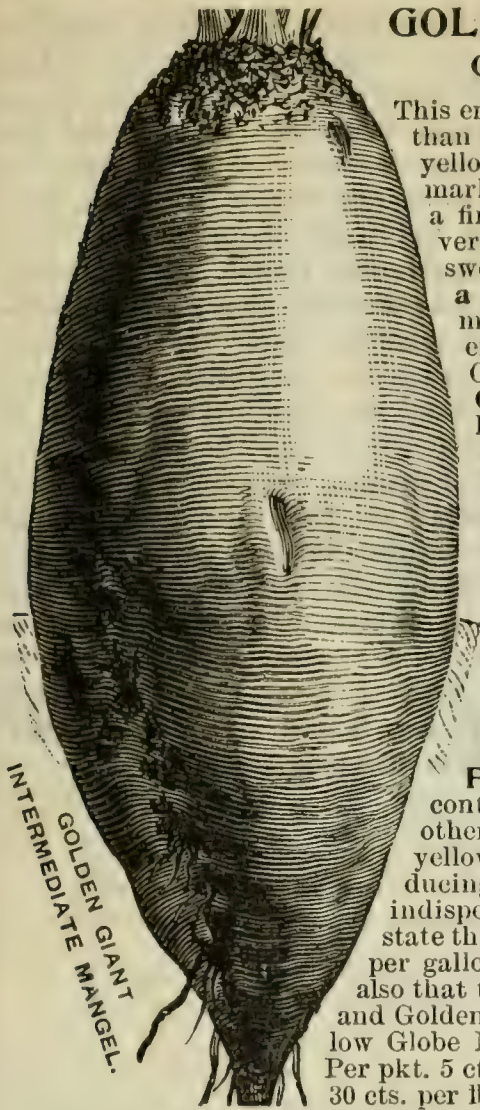
## GOLDEN GIANT INTERMEDIATE, OR YELLOW LEVIATHAN MANGEL.

This entirely new and distinct Mangel is considerably larger than the *Yellow Ovoid Mangel*, and is of a beautiful russet-yellow color. As shown in the illustration, it is remarkably even in shape; of vigorous growth; it has a fine neck, large leaves with green stems, and a very smooth, fine skin. The flesh is white, firm, and sweet, greatly relished by cattle. Altogether, it is

a magnificent root, easily lifted (growing more than half above the ground), producing enormous crops, and is an excellent keeper. Our cash prizes for the largest roots of the **Golden Giant Mangel** were awarded as follows: First prize to M. Steves, Lulu Island, British Columbia, for a mangel weighing 34½ lbs.; second prize to J. W. Robinson, Elsinore, Cal., weight of root 32 lbs.; the third prize also went to California, for a mangel of 30 lbs. weight, raised by J. L. Grabel, of Table Bluff. We wish we had space to publish the reports received also from other growers, all in terms of highest praise. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 20 cts.; per lb 45 cts., postpaid. By express or freight, 35 cts. per lb.; 5 lbs. or more at 30 cts. per lb.

### GOLDEN TANKARD YELLOW-FLESHED MANGEL.

This distinct variety contains less water and more sugar than most other mangels. A special feature is the rich, deep yellow color of the flesh, nutritious and milk-producing qualities. In England, where it is considered indispensable for dairy farming, large dairy farmers state that they are not only able to obtain a higher price per gallon for milk from cows fed on this mangel, but also that the cows are in much better condition, fed on hay and Golden Tankard Mangel alone, than if fed on hay, Yellow Globe Mangel, and four pounds of linseed cake per day. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts. By express, 30 cts. per lb.; 5 lbs. or more at 25 cts. per lb.



CURLED MOSBACH KALE.

## BORECOLE, OR KALE.

**DWARF GERMAN KALE.** German Greens or Sprouts. (*Dwarf Curled Scotch Kale.*) This is more hardy than Cabbage, and makes excellent greens for winter and spring use. The leaves are curly, bright green, very tender, and delicate in flavor. Sow seed in May or June, transplant in July, and cultivate same as Cabbage. For early spring use, sow in September; protect over winter with a covering of straw or litter. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

**TALL GREEN CURLED SCOTCH.** This makes a beautiful plant, about two and a half feet tall, with densely curled, dark-green leaves in abundance. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 80 cts.

**Dwarf Purple Kale.** Like the *Dwarf Green*, except in color, which is a deep purple. It is very hardy. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**CURLED MOSBACH.** See illustration. Of dwarf, compact, bushy growth, the foliage is light green, and toward the center yellowish-green. The edges of the leaves are most beautifully crimped and curled. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

## BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

This is one of the most delicious of all vegetables, and is easily grown. We trust that our new book, "VEGETABLES FOR THE HOME GARDEN: HOW, WHERE, AND WHAT TO GROW," will do much to popularize this and several other vegetables which, as yet, are not so well known in America as they deserve.

### PERFECTION BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

The plant grows about two feet high, and produces from the stem numerous little sprouts, one to two inches in diameter, resembling cabbages in miniature. The sprouts are used as greens and become very tender and of rich flavor when touched by frost. Sow in May, and treat in the same manner as Winter Cabbage. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**Paris Market.** This is a very fine new variety, of half-dwarf growth, bearing handsome, solid, round sprouts of best quality, crowded together on the stalk, as shown in the illustration. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



BRUSSELS SPROUTS.

## BROCCOLI.

**Purple Cape.** Produces heads very nearly like Cauliflower, but more hardy. This variety has large, close heads, of a brownish-purple color and good flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; ¼ lb \$1.00; per lb \$3.00.



# Burpee's Cabbage.

In Cabbage particularly the marketable value of the crop depends primarily upon the quality of the seed. It is a fact that seed grown in California or Europe (of American varieties)—so largely sold by dealers because it is cheap—cannot be relied upon to produce good crops throughout America. The best Cabbage seed is grown in Bucks County, Pa., and upon Long Island. Here our crops are annually raised by experienced and conscientious growers, subject to our personal inspection each season, when every rogue is rigidly discarded and only first-class, well-developed heads saved for seed,—heads such as would bring the highest prices if sent to market.


By a special system of stock selection, developed after long-continued study of the Cabbage and its tendencies, the strains we offer have become remarkable for both their **SURE-HEADING** and **HARD-HEADING** character. So inbred are these qualities that planters everywhere can rely that no failure will result from any fault of the seed if he uses **BURPEE'S High-Bred Seed of the BEST AMERICAN-GROWN CABBAGE.**



**PROFIT from CABBAGE and CAULIFLOWER** is assured if you plant **first-class seed**, and carefully follow the instructions plainly given in **our new book**, of which a reduced *fac-simile* of title-page is shown above. **MR. LUPTON** has made the study of these important crops his life work, and no man is better able to impart the secrets of successful Cabbage and Cauliflower culture. At our request he has freely given the results of years of experience and study,—*much information of real, practical value never before published.*

With this new treatise, complete in every detail, with original illustrations from photographic views taken in the fields, success in growing these profitable crops is reasonably assured. Price 50 cents, or it may be selected, free as a premium, on any order amounting to \$5.00.


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|  | Per oz. | ¼ lb.  | Per lb. |
| Early Dwarf York. Small, pointed; early; not recommended, . . .          | \$0 15  | \$0 40 | \$1 25  |
| Large Early York. Not quite so early; not reliable in heading, . . .     | 15      | 40     | 1 25    |
| Early Cannon Ball. Hard, round heads of small size, . . . . .            | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Early Dwarf Flat Dutch. A first-class second early; round-flat, . .      | 20      | 50     | 1 75    |
| Peerless Early. Very similar to Early Summer, . . . . .                  | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Early Deep-Head. Large, flat heads; very thick through, . . . . .        | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Vandergaw, or Midsummer. Similar to <i>All Seasons</i> ; sure heading, . | 20      | 60     | 2 00    |
| Stone-Mason Marblehead. A late Drumhead; weak constitution, .            | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Filderkraut, or Pomeranian Pointed Heading, . . . . .                    | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Premium Flat Dutch. A well-known, popular winter cabbage, . . .          | 15      | 40     | 1 25    |
| Burpee's Superior Large Late Flat Dutch. An improved strain, . .         | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Large Late Drumhead. For autumn and winter cabbage, . . . . .            | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
| Louisville Drumhead. A fine strain of dark bluish-green color, . . .     | 20      | 60     | 2 00    |
| Marblehead Mammoth. Large, coarse heads; poor quality, . . . . .         | 15      | 50     | 1 50    |
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 In regular size packets, each of the above, **5 cents per packet.**





EXTRA EARLY EXPRESS CABBAGE.

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"Excels in earliness all the sorts we have grown, has the shape and appearance of our well-known *Etampes Cabbage*, but is smaller and eight or ten days earlier; has but a few outside leaves, and therefore may be planted very close and yield large crops." Above is the description of **THE EXPRESS CABBAGE**, and eight years' trials have convinced us that it is generally *a week earlier than any other early Cabbage.*  This Cabbage has also been re-introduced under the names of "**WONDERFUL**," "**LIGHTNING**," etc. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; lb \$1.50.

## EARLIEST ETAMPES CABBAGE.

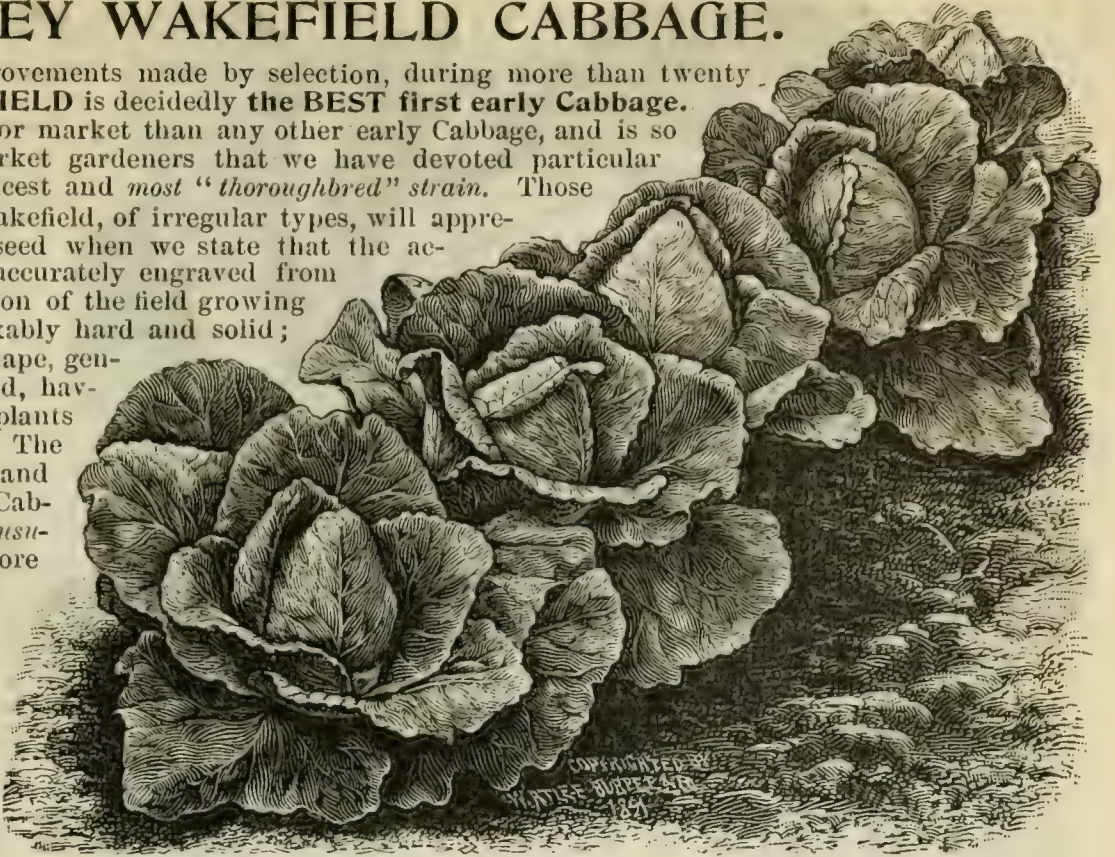
Excepting only the *New Express*, this is earlier than any other Cabbage; the heads are oblong, rounded at the top, and firm; medium size, and of fine quality.  This is identically the same Cabbage catalogued by some dealers as "**EARLIEST**," with their names attached. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; lb \$1.50.

 As now grown, these two extra early Cabbages are practically the same. Although somewhat earlier, they are not so trustworthy as the *Jersey Wakefield*, from the fact that they are not possessed of as strong constitution and are more liable to fail under unfavorable conditions.



## EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD CABBAGE.

With the continued improvements made by selection, during more than twenty years, the **JERSEY WAKEFIELD** is decidedly the **BEST first early Cabbage**. It is grown more extensively for market than any other early Cabbage, and is so universally popular with market gardeners that we have devoted particular attention to growing the choicest and most "thoroughbred" strain. Those familiar only with the old Wakefield, of irregular types, will appreciate the "trueness" of our seed when we state that the accompanying illustration was accurately engraved from a photograph taken of a portion of the field growing for seed. It heads up remarkably hard and solid; the heads are pyramidal in shape, generally pointed at the end, and, having few outside leaves, the plants can be set close together. The heads are of excellent quality, and of large size for so early a Cabbage. The outer leaves are unusually thick and heavy (much more so than in any other early Cabbage), and it is thereby enabled to stand more cold weather without injury when carried through the winter either in the open ground in the South or in cold frames in the North. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.



**BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE.** *This is, without question, the best second-early Cabbage.* We regret that it is now sold under a number of names by other houses, such as *Faultless Early*, *Solid South*, *Eclipse*, etc. If planters everywhere only knew the excellence of the **ALLHEAD Early Cabbage**, even our large supply of seed would not suffice to meet the demand. *It is undoubtedly altogether unequalled as an early summer Cabbage, and is fully as good for winter use, being really an all-the-year-round Cabbage.*



Our high opinion of this grand new Cabbage was shown at first by the fact that in addition to a two years' contract for seven thousand pounds of seed, we paid a cash bonus of one thousand dollars for the exclusive right of its name and introduction. Certainly no such price was ever paid for a Cabbage before or since. Our claims as to the merits of the **ALLHEAD** have been fully sustained by reports from planters everywhere. See illustration and true description on page 19. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.



EARLY WINNINGSTADT CABBAGE.

**EARLY WINNINGSTADT.** A well-known and very popular second-early variety; heads large, decidedly conical; leaves bright, glossy green; heads very solid and hard, even in summer. This is a very sure-heading variety, valuable not only for early use, but also for winter cabbage; its vigorous growth enables it to withstand unfavorable conditions. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50, postpaid.

**BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE.** Of none of the many varieties shown on page 12, in the unequalled record of our own introductions, except the *Bush Lima*, are we more justly proud. For full description see page 19.

**HENDERSON'S SUCCESSION CABBAGE.** This new variety, of which we offer the best Long Island seed grown from headquarters' stock, is a very good Cabbage and fairly popular. It is a second-early sort, about ten days later than the *Early Summer*, and larger both in habit of growth and heads; the plants are not as true in type, but the heads are more uniform. It is an excellent keeper, and in color an attractive light green. Certainly a good Cabbage, but not so popular as *Allhead Early* or *All Seasons*, which are its most prominent rivals; the former is earlier and about as large, while the latter is but little later and considerably larger. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75, postpaid.



HENDERSON'S EARLY SUMMER CABBAGE.

**EARLY SUMMER.** This variety is deservedly popular with market gardeners. It forms large, solid, round, flattened, compact heads, of excellent quality. It is particularly true in the color of the plant, which has a peculiar bluish tinge, with the veins of the leaf very white and prominent; it is among the most compact growers of the second earlies and a sure header. The greatest fault which can be found with it is the tendency to produce pointed heads; this has never been fully bred out of it, but is not now so bad as formerly. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75, postpaid.





## All Seasons Cabbage.

The improved type is well shown in the illustration herewith, which was accurately engraved from a photograph. The heads are darker blue in color than *Fottler's* and the plant covers more ground, but the heads are larger.

It is one of the most reliable about heading and one of the best keepers.

A valuable feature is the fact that the *All Seasons Cabbage* does not burst open when mature, but will stand in the field for a considerable length of time without injury.

Also when buried in the fall for the winter it retains its bright blue-green color better than most other large varieties. The heads are very hard and solid, round, flattened on the top, of the very best quality, and ready to market nearly as early as *Early Summer*, while much larger in size. It is called "*All Seasons*" because it is as good for autumn or winter as it is for early summer. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

## FOTTLER'S EARLY BRUNSWICK CABBAGE.

### FOTTLER'S EARLY DRUMHEAD,

#### OR SHORT-STEM

#### BRUNSWICK CABBAGE.

This is a first-class second-early Drumhead Cabbage. Very solid heads, of medium size and light bluish-green in color; of close habit of growth, stem very short, the plant heading close to the ground. The heads are thick, but decidedly flat. It is earlier than the Flat Dutch, or other late Cabbages, but not so early as *Early Summer*. A very good cabbage as an intermediate sort or for winter use. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75.



ACME FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE. Showing its even habit of growth.

## ACME FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE.

THE ACME is entirely distinct from the well-known *Premium Flat Dutch Cabbage*, and differs from all other strains of Late Flat Dutch in that it is *quicker growing* (earlier to mature), hence can be started later. It is extremely handsome in appearance, as indicated by the illustration above, which also shows its low-growing character,—the stumps being very short. The well-developed heads are *true to type* and uniform in color, which is an attractive bluish-green. The heads measure about thirteen inches across and weigh from ten to twelve pounds each; they will pack about fourteen to the barrel. The **Acme** comes very true and is a **sure header**; the heads are of good, marketable size, hard, solid, and fine-grained. A very superior cabbage for autumn and winter use.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.





# BURPEE'S WORLD-BEATER CABBAGE

THE LARGEST CABBAGE AND THE HARDEST HEADING  
VERY LARGE CABBAGE IN CULTIVATION.

During the first week in November, 1890, in response to urgent requests from MR. FRANCIS BRILL, the well-known grower of Cabbages, we met him, by appointment, in Suffolk County, N. Y., to view his one-acre field of "a wonderful new Cabbage." Prior to seeing the Cabbage we were inclined to smile at his enthusiasm in calling it "**WORLD-BEATER.**" Careful inspection of the magnificent large, solid heads convinced us, however, that the variety justified its name,—for never before had we seen any Cabbage that produced such **uniformly large heads** or any *very large Cabbage* of which the heads were **so hard and solid.** We predict that in a few years the *Marblehead Mammoth* will be discarded, for not only is the **WORLD-BEATER** fully as large, if not larger, but also it is *uniformly true to type* and *sure to head hard*,—"solid as a rock." The large, broad heads are very *thick* through, slightly rounded at the top; fine-grained and tender,—more so than any other large cabbage. Stalk short, foliage compact, dark green with a purplish-brown tinge. It is a rapid grower, and while it will well repay good treatment, yet it does not require special culture to develop.



**AN INTERVIEW WITH FRANCIS BRILL.** On September 28, 1891, Mr. Brill called at our warehouse in Philadelphia to arrange the sale of the **WORLD-BEATER CABBAGE.** After purchasing his crop of seed and engaging all he could raise in 1892, we called one of our stenographers and asked Mr. Brill to state plainly his honest opinion of the Cabbage, not omitting to mention any faults, "if it had any faults." Below is a *verbatim report*:—

"In the first place, it is **the best large cabbage** in existence; a sure header, heads very solid, and is very fine-grained and tender, much more so than any other large cabbage. *Its only fault*, and it is a fault, *is that it grows too large for market gardeners.* It grows quicker than any other large cabbage and will produce more tons to the acre than any other Cabbage. The plants should be set about three feet each way, making 4840 to the acre. Color dark green, with a slight bronze or brownish tinge to the outer leaves. Would not sow the seed before the first of June, and the plants are ready to set out about six weeks after (the middle of July); the heads are ready to market the latter part of October. The heads are remarkably thick through and will attain a greater weight than the *Marblehead Mammoth*; has a short stem and grows near the ground. It originated near Hoboken, in Hudson Co., N. J., with a market gardener. Is of special value for places like Chicago and Syracuse, where they have large kraut factories."

In Mr. Brill's remarks above we have emphasized what he pronounces "*its only fault*"—because this so-called fault [its *large size* and *heavy weight*] makes it *distinct* from all other varieties. We are not in need of a better winter Cabbage than *Burpee's Surehead* or *Short Stem Drumhead*, and hence would not have paid Mr. Brill the price we did for the ownership of the **WORLD-BEATER** had it not been for **large size and heavy weight of the heads.**

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; 2 ozs. 50 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.

## Is the WORLD-BEATER Identical with "Autumn King Cabbage"?

Unfortunately, the crop of seed in both 1893 and 1894 was nearly a total failure, and we practically had to withdraw the variety from sale, making the announcement in our catalogues that we could only supply a few packets.

A New York firm of Seedsmen, in their catalogue for 1895, state in italics: "*In our Trial Grounds during the past two seasons we had samples of the AUTUMN KING and the "World-Beater" side by side, and they proved to be identical. As we sent the AUTUMN KING out seven years ago, and the "World-Beater" was offered three years later, we claim the credit of the introduction of this, the grandest of all winter Cabbages.*"

We are consequently making very careful trials at FORDHOOK FARM, also at another point in Bucks County and upon Long Island, but at the time of this writing cannot yet tell the results. If the thorough trials this year demonstrate that the two varieties are actually one and the same (although of distinct origin), we will, of course, announce the fact. Should this prove to be the case, however, we must differ with our New York friends in their enthusiastic claim that it is "*the grandest of all winter Cabbages,*" for, as stated above, we agree with Mr. Brill that *THE WORLD-BEATER* grows too large for market gardeners, to whom either *Burpee's Surehead*, *Short-Stem Drumhead*, or *Burpee's Safe Crop* would prove more profitable as winter cabbages for the general market.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co.

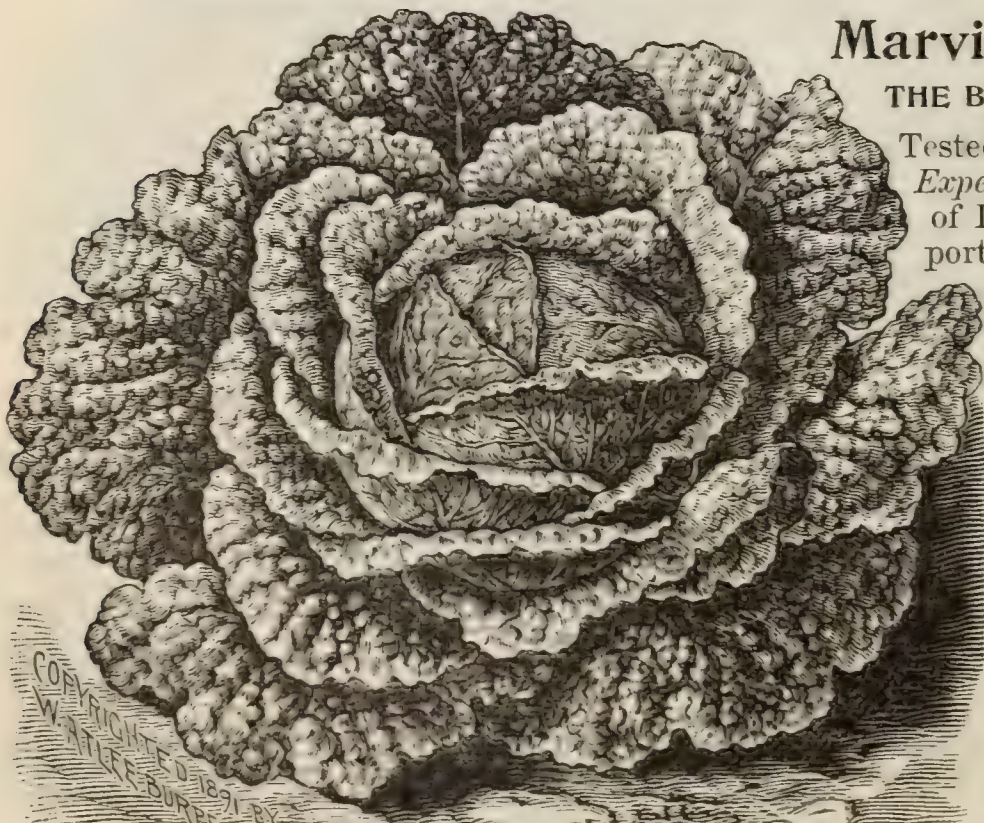




## BURPEE'S SHORT-STEM DRUMHEAD CABBAGE.

THE SHORT-STEM DRUMHEAD combines, to a wonderful degree, all desirable requisites. It has a very short stem and grows very compactly—the leaves all turning in to form the head, with very few loose leaves—thus allowing the plants to be set close together. The heads are very large, **EXTRA HARD, SOLID**, round, flattened on the top; they grow most uniform in size and shape, and present the handsome appearance well depicted in the illustration. Heads frequently attain twenty or thirty pounds in weight, and are always of the finest quality. For reliability of heading, this variety is, from long-continued selection, also remarkable. The large, solid heads, and remarkably “short legs,” have elicited much praise from experienced Cabbage growers. Our customers in the South, where so many varieties fail to head, can rely on the **SHORT-STEM DRUMHEAD**.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; 2 ozs. 50 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00



## Marvin's Savoy Cabbage.

THE BEST SAVOY IN CULTIVATION.

Tested at the *New York Agricultural Experimental Station*, this new strain of Drumhead Savoy Cabbage was reported on as follows:—

**MARVIN'S SAVOY.** “Twelve plants transplanted June 23d. Fit for table use August 29th. Number of heads, 12; average diameter, 8 9-10 inches; average weight, 5 pounds 14 ounces.” This was the only variety they made a special mention of, and said:—“Among those deserving of special mention was **MARVIN'S SAVOY**, of which the heads were very large, and nearly as compact as those of the more solid, smooth-leaved varieties.”

Savoy cabbages, as you are doubtless aware, are all of very sweet flavor and are really superior for cooking. The many reports received from our customers coincide in pronouncing this to be **The BEST Savoy Cabbage** in cultivation to-day.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

MARVIN'S SAVOY CABBAGE. Engraved from a Photograph.



# An Unequaled Record for 19 Years of BURPEE'S SUREHEAD, THE FAMOUS MAIN-CROP CABBAGE.

**FIRST INTRODUCED BY US IN 1877.** After Nineteen Years' thorough trials, BURPEE'S SUREHEAD stands the most famous to-day. See Description on third page of cover.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

## 1878.—As FIRM AS THEY COULD BE.

R. McCRONE, Sykesville, Md., writes:—SUREHEAD CABBAGE did splendidly; some heads as large as a water bucket, and AS FIRM AS THEY COULD BE.

W. KLUNE, Kokomo, Ind., writes:—SUREHEAD exceeds anything I ever saw in the Cabbage line. Out of some 400 plants not one failed to make a fine, solid head.

## 1879.—Reliable in Every Respect.

From THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, May 1, 1879.—If M. H. will apply to W. Atlee Burpee & Co., Philadelphia, for some of their SUREHEAD CABBAGE, he will get an article reliable in every respect—sure to head, large, and suitable for all planting, except the very earliest. J. G. W.

## 1880.—The Finest Sight on My Farm.

SETH E. FISH, Monmouth, Maine, writes:—The Cabbage (SUREHEAD) received from you is the finest sight of my farm, and I pride myself to have all nice things.

## 1881.—SUREHEAD Gained the Highest Prize.

R. S. EDWARDS, Wheat Ridge, Jeff. Co., Col., Sept. 19, 1881, writes:—The SUREHEAD CABBAGE gained the highest premium, and our best gardeners think they are the best cabbage sent out. I have grown them twenty-five pounds each—lots of them.

WM. M. JENKINS, Bruceton Mills, W. Va., March 14, 1881, writes:—SUREHEAD CABBAGE raised last summer was the largest and best cabbage that I ever raised.

## 1882.—Several Heads Weighed 32 Pounds.

D. M. KEMPTON, Oneida, Kan., Feb. 6, 1882, writes:—Your seeds are the best I ever tried. Your SUREHEAD CABBAGE was excellent. I raised sixty dollars' worth from two packages. Several weighed 32 pounds.

## 1883.—Heads in Spite of Worms and Weather.

STEPHEN H. LADY and JNO. S. DILLON, McArthur, O., write:—We found it the best Cabbage we had ever grown, it headed so nice and solid; while the others rotted before we could save them, the SUREHEAD stood firm and solid until late. We give it the highest praise.

## 1884.—Heads When all Others Fail.

G. H. ADAMS, West Medway, Mass., writes:—Notwithstanding the exceedingly dry season of last year and the ravages of the locust, the cabbages seemed bound to head under any circumstances.

## 1885.—A Most Appropriate Name, SUREHEAD.

HENRY BOWMAN, Repton, Pa., writes:—I got your SUREHEAD CABBAGE seed two years ago, and it has done remarkably well. Every stock has a large head, and it was a surprise to every one who saw them.

## 1886.—Far Better than Puget Sound Seed.

GEORGE PATTINGTON & SONS, Scipioville, N. Y., April 1, 1886, write:—THE SUREHEAD CABBAGE seed purchased of you the last two years has done exceedingly well, proving FAR BETTER THAN THE PUGET SOUND SEED.

## 1887.—No Variety Equal to the SUREHEAD.

FRANCIS B. GOWDY, Scitico, Conn., May 30, 1887, writes:—I find no variety equal to the SUREHEAD. In one piece of 6000 cabbages not a poor head. All who buy them are more than satisfied.

S. C. STRATTON, Leetonia, O., writes:—The SUREHEAD CABBAGE cannot be beat. I had heads that, when stripped of all outside leaves, ready for use, weighed 35 POUNDS. I took 23 First Premiums on vegetables from your seeds.

## 1888.—By Far the Best of All Cabbage.

J. H. HITCHCOCK, Weaver, Minn., writes:—I must say that your SUREHEAD was by far the best of all. So much so that I had six acres in cabbage, of which  $1\frac{3}{4}$  acres was Surehead, and they netted me more money than all the balance of the six acres.

## 1889.—SUREHEAD a Sure Prize Winner.

P. ELLIOTT, New Harmony, Ind., Sept. 30, 1889, writes:—I have been very successful with your SUREHEAD CABBAGE, receiving first and second prizes, also winning a special prize. They have done exceedingly well, thriving when other varieties rotted or were eaten by worms. They deserve all the praise that can be given.

## 1890.—Best Raised in a Lifetime.

ALEX. GROVE, South Wales, N.Y., Oct. 7, 1890, writes:—BURPEE'S SUREHEAD CABBAGE is rightly named; I set out 230 plants and got 229 very fine heads, the best I ever raised in my life, and I am seventy-five years old.

## 1891.—Best Cabbage in the World.

A. M. BAKER, Otto, Kan., Sept. 24, 1891, writes:—Your SUREHEAD is the best Cabbage in the world—in fact, can't be beat. They crop better than any other.

## 1892.—Thrives When all Others Fail.

MRS. GUS. HEINS, Standish, Mo., October 24, 1892, writes:—I have been very successful with your SUREHEAD CABBAGE, receiving first premium at our County Fair. It has done exceedingly well, thriving when all other varieties rotted or were eaten by the worms.

## 1893.—Allhead and SUREHEAD Ahead of All.

H. B. TALBERT, Loretto, Tenn., March 6, 1893, writes:—I have raised your SUREHEAD CABBAGE for several years past, and find it to be the best that I can get for this part of the country; it is always sure to head.

S. H. HESTERBY, Sayre, Ark., January 13, 1893, writes:—Your ALLHEAD and SUREHEAD CABBAGES excel anything in that line I have ever planted. We are never disappointed when we plant Burpee's Seeds.

J. S. STAHLNECKER, Cromwell, Iowa, writes:—I do not want a better Cabbage than BURPEE'S SUREHEAD.

## 1894.—Through 16 Years Always the Best.

JOHN L. BUCHANAN, Durhamville, N. Y., August 13, 1894, writes:—For the last sixteen years SUREHEAD is the best winter Cabbage I ever planted. It forms such large and solid heads, and is so tender and free from that rank taste, I find it the best to keep through the winter and shall order no other kind as long as I run a market garden.

W. A. DAVIS, Seneca Nation, Ind. Ter., July 30, 1894, writes:—I have heads of BURPEE'S SUREHEAD CABBAGE that will weigh 18 to 20 pounds, and the Marvin's Savoy Cabbage is a wonder to all comers; perfect beauties.

E. B. MCDANIELS, Greenville, Miss., August 18, 1894, writes:—Your seeds seemed determined to grow, and the SUREHEAD CABBAGE is undoubtedly the best I have ever raised. I do not think that Surehead and Allhead Early can be beaten; both are sure croppers and of good quality.

W. N. LOAR, Wind Ridge, Pa., August 29, 1894, writes:—SUREHEAD CABBAGE is unexcelled in regard to size, quality, and power to resist drought; it is fine for either market or home use and is THE CABBAGE TO GROW.

## 1895.—SUREHEAD is a Remarkable Cropper.

DAYTON N. WARBASSER, Huntsburg, N. J., January 11, 1895, writes:—BURPEE'S ORIGINAL SUREHEAD CABBAGE is a rank grower, sure header, and a remarkably heavy cropper, and is of most excellent quality. Burpee's Allhead Early Cabbage is decidedly the best early variety.

MRS. DORA REED, Hoke's Bluff, Ala., May 8, 1895, writes:—Your SUREHEAD CABBAGE is all that you represent it to be; the Duke of Albany Peas are fine; too much cannot be said in their praise. I assure you that when I buy garden seeds it will always be from you.

MRS. M. J. BARTON, Maryland Line, Md., writes:—My Cabbages, Allhead Early and Surehead Late, were unsurpassed in this country, the heads were so large, solid, and of superb quality. I shall never want anything better for my own use. I know by experience that Burpee's Seeds will grow, and there are none better.





Safe to Crop,—Safe to Keep,—Safe to Sell.

## BURPEE'S SAFE-CROP CABBAGE.

**BURPEE'S SAFE-CROP** is a large, late strain of market gardener's Cabbage, *which is sure to head*. The heads are of large size, hard and firm, with but few outside leaves; stems short, foliage compact and of a beautiful green color. The plants are thrifty, easily transplanted; set in rows three feet apart and two feet in the rows to admit of cultivation. It is a very desirable variety for a late crop on account of its solidity and because it is an excellent winter keeper. It also stands a considerable time without bursting. In quality it is not quite equal to BURPEE'S SUREHEAD as a summer Cabbage, being slightly strong, but it improves as the season advances, making a *winter Cabbage hard to equal*. The thick, flat heads are remarkably uniform in color, as well as in shape and size; it is a rapid grower and well repays good cultivation. It is very tender and juicy at all stages of growth, *cares little for the worms, and will stand a hot, dry time remarkably well*. The **SAFE-CROP** will, without a doubt, prove a favorite Cabbage with private as well as market gardeners when its many excellent qualities become known.



Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 70 cts.; per lb \$2.25; 2 lbs. or more at \$2.00 per lb.

## RED CABBAGES.

The Red Cabbages are deservedly very popular in Germany, and should be more largely grown in America. They are all hard-heading, and generally a sure crop. Excellent for pickling; they also possess a rich flavor, and make a handsome appearance as boiled cabbage.

**EARLY BLOOD-RED ERFURT.** True to type, uniformly producing *very hard heads*, of intense blood-red color, but very small in size. Very early, and also, if sown late, makes a good winter cabbage; of fine quality, and particularly valuable for pickling. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**LARGE RED DRUMHEAD (Improved Red Dutch).** Larger heads than the old Red Dutch. Heads round in shape, of deep color, and remarkably hard and solid. Either for pickling or table use there is no better variety of red cabbage. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75, postpaid.

**MAMMOTH ROCK RED.** This fine new Cabbage originated with a grower for the New York market. Quite late in maturing, it is the largest red cabbage known; the heads will average over ten pounds each, and are always of a deep red color inside as well as outside, while they are almost literally as hard and solid as a rock. The only objection we have heard to this is that the heads are said to be too large to suit some markets. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

**HARD-HEADING RED.** Extremely hard, round heads. In 1888 we sent out some thousands of packets gratis, for trial, with the remarks: "We take pleasure in presenting you with a few seeds of a new **HARD-HEADING RED CABBAGE**, which, if it does as well for you as it did in our trial grounds the past season, you will pronounce the best of all Red Cabbages, both in rich, deep color and uniformity and solidity of its handsome heads."



When writing to us during the summer or fall, kindly tell us *just what you think of it*, as we want our good opinion of it either confirmed or disproved before we decide as to its introduction." From these samples thus distributed we received many expressions of satisfaction and delight with the quality of this cabbage. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.

## CAULIFLOWERS.

The Cauliflower should be much more generally grown by every owner of even a small kitchen-garden, and it ought to appear much more frequently upon the dinner-table of every household, rich or poor. *It is one of the most nourishing, easily digested, delicious, and quickly prepared vegetables grown.* How to cook it in many ways is told in our book, "HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES."

**BURPEE'S BEST EARLY.** See the next page.

**EARLY SNOWBALL.** Extensively advertised, this has deservedly attained great popularity, and is now extensively planted. Under favorable conditions nearly every plant will make a fine, solid head of good size. It is of dwarf habit, valuable both for the early and late crops. Per pkt. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. \$1.50; per oz. \$2.75;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$9.00; per lb \$35.00.

**EARLY DWARF ERFURT.** The Erfurt strains of Cauliflower are deservedly the most popular. This is good, but, of course, not equal to the higher priced strains, such as the preceding or the one following. Per pkt. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 75 cts.; per oz. \$1.50.

**EXTRA EARLY DWARF ERFURT (Extra Selected).** Remarkable for reliability in heading. Very dwarf, with solid, pure white heads of superior quality. If planted the first of March, heads nine to twelve inches in diameter will be ready early in June. Per pkt. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. \$1.50; oz. \$2.75;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$8.00.

**Extra Early Paris.** Very early; good for forcing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$2.00; per lb \$7.50.

**Le Normand's Short Stem.** This produces a very close and uniform curd, well protected by leaves; hardy. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$2.00; per lb \$7.50.

**ALGIERS.** This sort is of vigorous growth, with long leaves which taper to a point at the ends; its color is of a decidedly bluish cast. It should be a very sure-heading sort, producing large, solid, white heads. Per pkt. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 40 cts.; oz. 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$2.50; per lb \$9.00.

**Veitch's Autumn Giant.** The heads are white, large, compact, and thoroughly protected by foliage. We would not, however, risk a crop of this until we had first tested it in the locality, as it is not so generally reliable. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 65 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.75; per lb \$6.50.





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BURPEE'S BEST EARLY CAULIFLOWER. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

## — Burpee's BEST EARLY Cauliflower. —

Named and introduced by us in 1887, this grand variety has proved to be, as claimed, the **very best early Cauliflower in cultivation**. It has attained its present perfection after sixteen years' intelligent selection by one grower, and is remarkable both for its *extra earliness* and *certainty to head*,—in these two most important features we know no other Cauliflower that can equal it. Of dwarf, compact growth, with short stalk, it bears close planting, and the leaves, growing upright, naturally protect the heads. The large, handsome heads, measuring eight to ten inches across, are pure snowy-white, very close, compact, and of the finest quality. So *extremely solid* and *deep*, nearly *globe-shaped*, are the heads, that they *weigh heavier* than most, if not all, other cauliflowers of the same size. Market gardeners can use "**Burpee's BEST Early**" for either early or late, with full assurance that it is impossible to procure a better or more reliable variety.



Per pkt. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.00; oz. \$3.50;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$12.00

### Too Much Cannot be Said in its Praise.

W. T. McDONALD, Georgetown, Ont., Canada, Sept. 3, 1894, writes:—Notwithstanding the unfavorable season, I have marketed the first and finest crop of **Burpee's BEST Early Cauliflower** in this section. Too much cannot be said in praise of this excellent variety, as it far excels all other sorts now used.

CHAS. H. GUTHRIE, Penn Yan, N. Y., writes:—I can truly say that *I never gave Cauliflower as little attention as I have this year, and I NEVER HAD AS NICE, LARGE, SOLID, and HANDSOME HEADS AS NOW*. It serves very nicely, has a good flavor, is *crispy and nice*.

W. M. FINLEY, Passaic, Mo., May 12, 1894, writes:—**Burpee's BEST Early Cauliflower** is right up to the *Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage*, planted and transplanted at the same time, on the same kind of ground, and received the same kind of treatment.

### It is Superior to All Others.

JULIUS R. HITCHCOCK, Redwood Falls, Minn., writes:—**Burpee's BEST Early Cauliflower** is SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS, both in SIZE and QUALITY. It is *very tender*. *The Snowball* is next best, but is far from its equal.

W. A. DOOLITTLE, Clinton, Conn., July 31, 1893, writes:—I take this opportunity to speak in praise of your **Burpee's BEST Early Cauliflower**. For years I have been raising *Early Snowball*, but my first trial this season of your **BEST Early Cauliflower** convinced me that *it is the best of all*. This dry season, with the pastures all parched up with the drought, not having had any rain this summer that wet two inches of the soil, on dry ground, *not one plant of your Cauliflower has failed to make a head of the finest quality*. I cut one yesterday that measured ten inches in diameter, which is remarkable for this early date.



## CARROTS.

*In comparing our prices, please remember that we send the seeds postpaid, by mail. If ordered by express or freight, 8 cts. per pound may be deducted from prices.*



SHORT HORN, OR EARLY SCARLET HORN CARROT.

**SHORT HORN, or EARLY SCARLET HORN.** One of the most popular of all carrots; deep orange; flesh fine-grained and of agreeable flavor; top small; grows well in shallow soil. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**EARLY VERY SHORT SCARLET, or GOLDEN BALL** (also called **Earliest Short Horn for forcing**). This is the earliest carrot in cultivation. The roots are as round as a turnip, of small size, very rich color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

**CHANTENAY, or MODEL CARROT.** For table use it is probably the best in shape and finest in quality of all. The carrots have attained such a uniformity that they are almost duplicates of each other. They are a little longer than the Short Horn, being thicker at the shoulder and hence more productive; always very smooth and fine in texture and easily dug; the flesh is tender, of a beautiful deep golden-orange. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

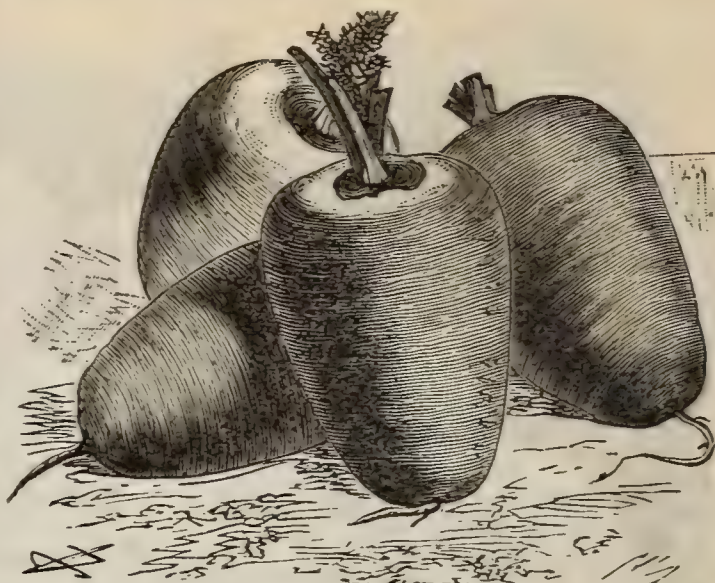


THE TRUE DANVERS CARROT.

**DANVERS HALF-LONG ORANGE.** This variety originated in Danvers, Mass., where the raising of carrots is made a special business, twenty to thirty tons per acre being no unusual crop. In form it is midway between the Long Orange and Short Horn. The root is of a rich, dark-orange color, and grows very smooth. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BURPEE'S IMPROVED LONG ORANGE.** The roots grow uniform and smooth, being always well formed, of large size, and deep, rich orange color. It is a good keeper, of fine quality for table use, and highly nutritious for stock. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**CORELESS LONG RED.** A beautiful variety, growing twelve to sixteen inches long and two to three inches in diameter; stump-rooted, of rich color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



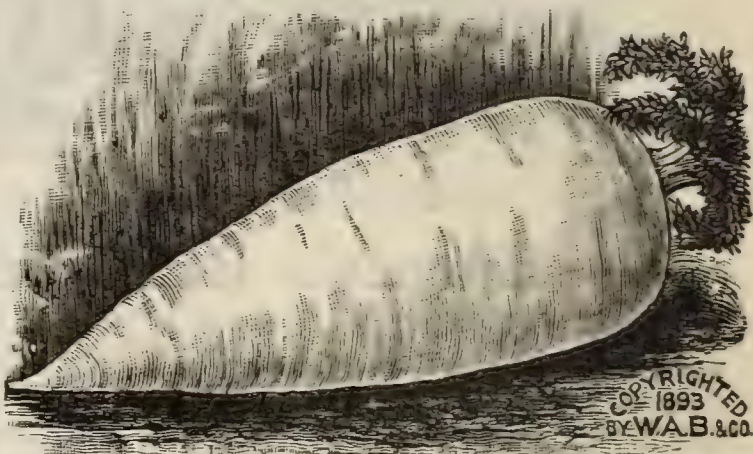
OX-HEART CARROT.

**OX-HEART, or GUERANDE.** This new carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape, as shown in the illustration. It is intermediate as to length between the Half-long varieties (such as Danvers) and the Short Horn Carrot, but much thicker than the latter, attaining at the top from three to four inches in diameter. It is of very fine quality for table. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**Half-Long Scarlet, Stump-Rooted.** Suitable for shallow soils; smooth in skin and rich in color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**SAINT VALLERY, or NEW INTERMEDIATE.** The roots grow very regular and smooth; they are of good size, being from ten to twelve inches in length and two to three inches in diameter at the top, tapering gradually from the shoulder to the tip of the root. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Large Red Altringham.** Similar to the Long Orange, but of a bright red. Largely grown for stock feeding. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



IMPROVED SHORT WHITE CARROT.

**IMPROVED SHORT WHITE.** This new variety is undoubtedly one of the most productive and best for feeding stock. As will be seen by the illustration, the roots are short, very heavy at the shoulder, tapering to the point. Uniformly smooth in form, they are easily harvested. The color is white below the ground and light green above; flesh rich, white, solid, crisp, and nutritious. It has yielded as high as twenty and a half tons per acre, and we predict that it will soon become a general favorite as a cattle carrot. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**LARGE WHITE VOSGES.** This is a field Carrot, and especially suitable for soils that are not very deep; it is productive, easily pulled, and keeps well. It is very broad at the neck, narrowed abruptly to the point; one of the very best carrots for cattle feeding. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**LARGE WHITE BELGIAN.** This attains the largest size, and will yield more in bulk than any other sort grown. Flesh yellowish-white; excellent for stock. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**Large Yellow Belgian.** Also for cattle feeding; pale orange color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts. By express, 40 cts. per lb.



## CELERY.

☞ To grow Celery to perfection (including keeping for winter use), and particularly to grow on a large scale for market, we earnestly recommend a careful study of the plain, concise instructions given in our new book, entitled **CELERY FOR PROFIT**, fully illustrated, written by T. Greiner, price 30 cents. With this complete and trustworthy book Celery culture is made so plain that there is no longer any reason for the home garden being without this most wholesome vegetable.

**CRAWFORD'S HALF DWARF.** When blanched it is of a yellowish-white, making it very ornamental for the table; it is solid, possessing a rich, nutty flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**BOSTON MARKET.** It is a vigorous grower, of medium height, very early, and an excellent keeper. It is very solid, white, of rather loose habit. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**BURPEE'S GIANT WHITE SOLID CELERY.** The best strain of Large White Solid Celery, and a most imposing variety. It attains a very large size, is of quick growth, stiff, close habit, remarkably solid, blanches perfectly white, of fine, crisp flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**WHITE PLUME.** A desirable feature of this Celery is that (similar to the *Golden Self-Blanching*), naturally, its stalks and portions of its inner leaves and heart are white, so that by closing the stalks, by simply drawing the soil up against the plant and pressing it together with the hands, the work of blanching is completed, without, as in most varieties, the additional troublesome process of "banking." It is also ornamental on the table, and is the *earliest* Celery in cultivation, but will not keep longer than Christmas. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**NEW ROSE.** The Red or Rose Celeries have a superior flavor. This variety is very ornamental on the table, the delicate tracing of beautiful rose shading with the white in the blanched stalks and heart. Very solid, rich, and nutty in flavor, and keeps remarkably well. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**IMPERIAL DWARF LARGE-RIBBED (Kalamazoo).** This excellent variety is very *stocky* and *robust*. The stalks are most vigorous, and the ribs grow very large and solid. It is perfectly solid, white, of a fine, sweet flavor, and of extra good keeping quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**DWARF GOLDEN HEART.** In habit of growth it resembles the Half Dwarf White, except that when blanched the heart, which is large and full, is of a waxy golden-yellow. It is entirely solid, and keeps well. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**THE PERFECTION HEARTWELL.** With magnificent large, golden-yellow heart, this is one of the largest and finest Celeries for winter use—very popular in the New York markets. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75.

**CELERIAC, or TURNIP-ROOTED CELERY (Apple-shaped).** Grown exclusively for its roots, which are *turnip-shaped*, very smooth, tender, and marrow-like. The roots are cooked and sliced; used with vinegar, they make an excellent salad. They are also used for seasoning meats and to flavor soups. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

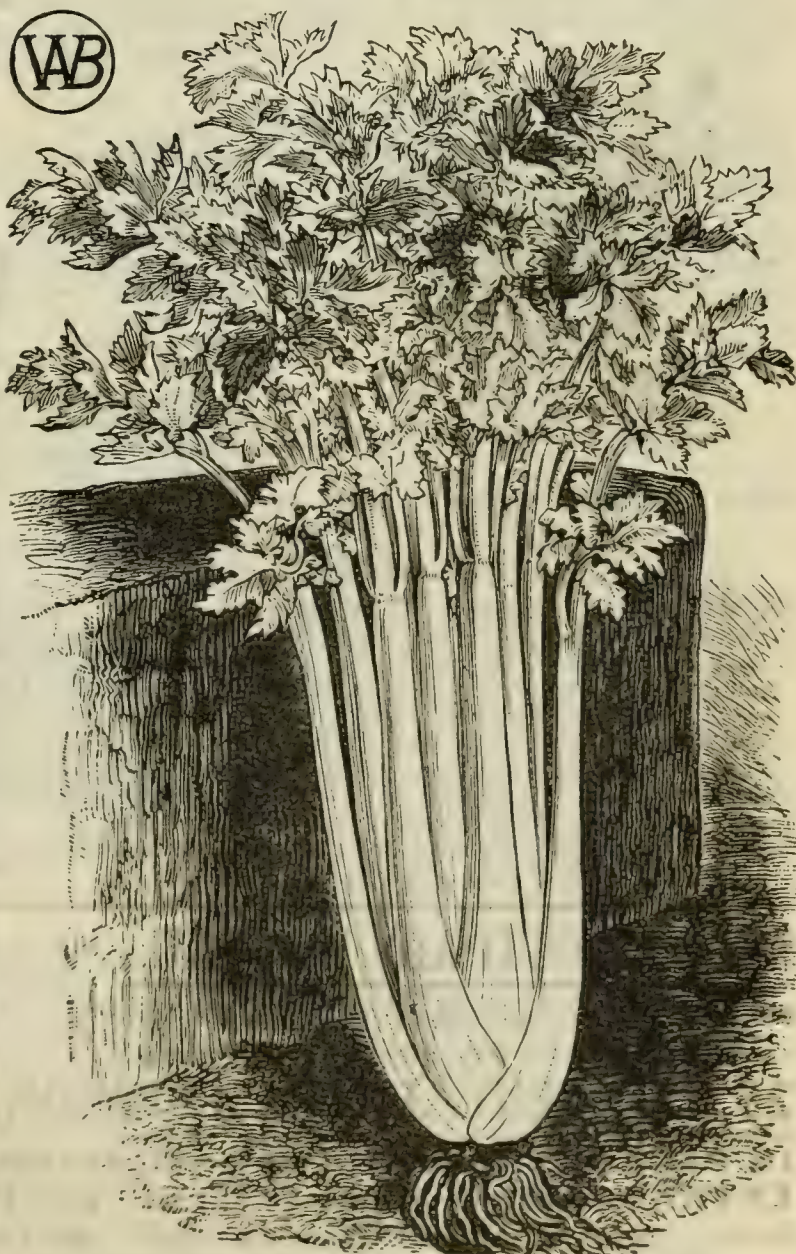


— "Celery for Profit" tells how to dis-  
— pense with nine-tenths of the labor gener-  
— ally thought necessary in Celery growing. —

## New Golden Self-Blanching Celery.

This is **the best Celery in cultivation**, as has been abundantly proved by thousands of market gardeners and amateurs to whom we have supplied the seed. **THE GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING**, first introduced in America by us in 1884, has fulfilled all that we claimed for it. It cannot be too highly recommended. The beautiful appearance of the plant, with its close habit, compact growth, and straight, vigorous stalks, is faithfully shown in the illustration. The ribs are perfectly solid, crisp, brittle, and of delicious flavor, surpassed by no other variety, while it has the decided merit of being self-blanching to a very remarkable degree. Without banking up or any covering whatever, even the outer ribs become of a handsome, fresh, yellowish-white color. The heart is large, solid, and of a beautiful, rich, golden-yellow color. The leaves also are of a beautiful golden-yellow after the plant has been bleached, which adds greatly to its handsome appearance when prepared for the table. No variety can surpass, if, indeed, equal, the *Golden Self-Blanching* in striking appearance and delicious flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 20 cts.; per oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00, postpaid.

**CELERY FOR PROFIT.**—Written in a happy and interesting vein, with illustrations up to the very latest date. The author is brimful of life, energy, and enthusiasm.—From *GLEANINGS IN BEE CULTURE*, Medina, O. ☞ See Books, pages 6 to 11. ☞



NEW GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING CELERY.



## GIANT PASCAL CELERY.

THE BEST FOR WINTER USE.



NEW GIANT PASCAL CELERY.

This is, without doubt, the most valuable variety of Celery obtained since the introduction of the **Golden Self-Blanching**, from which it is a sport, carefully established by skillful selection. It partakes of the rich, nutty flavor peculiar to the *Golden Self-Blanching*, and is absolutely free from any bitter taste.

The stalks are *remarkably large, thick, solid, and entirely stringless*; it is the largest grown as regards width and thickness of stalks. When fully grown the outer stalks average two inches wide, and are nearly as thick as a man's finger. The immense stalks can be sliced lengthwise, and are always *very crisp and brittle*, snapping like glass. Unlike most other Celeries, it never becomes watery, and can be eaten when quite small. It is a very vigorous grower; the heart is a *rich, bright yellow*, even without blanching. It blanches very easily, *requiring only five to six days' earthing-up*, when the outer stalks present a beautiful clear-white appearance. It is the **best keeper** of all Celeries, and is, without doubt, **THE CELERY for January and February use**. It is the most excellent for shipping, as it does not rust or rot. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$1.75.

## CHIVES.

Chives are perfectly hardy little perennial members of the Onion tribe, and are grown exclusively for their tops, which are used wherever the flavor of onion is required. Planted in small clumps in any common garden soil, they will grow readily, and in time increase so as to render a division necessary. The tops appear very early in spring, and can be shorn throughout the season as needed. Roots, per bunch, 25 cts., postpaid.



## COLLARDS.

**GEORGIA COLLARDS.** The Collard, also known in different sections as "Cole" and "Colewort," originated in the South, in the effort of the Cabbage to perpetuate itself under an adverse climate. Collards are extensively grown in the South for "greens," as they are an easy, sure crop, and afford an abundance of food for both man and beast. It forms a mass of leaves on a tall stem, and in the South continues in growth all winter. As the leaves are pulled off the stem increases in height, bearing new leaves. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

## CHICORY.

**Large-Rooted, or Coffee.** The dried roots of this are much used in Europe as a substitute for coffee. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.



LARGE ROUND-LEAVED CORN SALAD.

## CORN SALAD, or VETTICOST.

It is a mistake to suppose that lettuce is the only green for salad. MRS. RORER gives recipes for many excellent salads in "HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES."

**Large Round-Leaved, Large-Seeded.** A small, hardy salad, extensively used during the winter and spring months as a substitute for lettuce; also cooked and served like spinach. In warm weather the plants will mature in from four to six weeks; sow early in spring. For winter and spring use, sow in August and September. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

## SEEDS POSTPAID BY MAIL.

In comparing our prices with other Catalogues, please remember that **we pay the postage on all Seeds** (except at bulk prices, pages 100 and 101), and always guarantee **safe arrival**.

## 25 PER CENT. EXTRA PREMIUM.

For years past we have always stated (as on page 39) that on all orders for **Seeds IN PACKETS** the purchaser is entitled to select **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS' WORTH EXTRA** for each One Dollar sent us. Please make your own selection, remembering, however, that this premium applies **only to Seeds IN PACKETS**.

See pages 6 to 11 for **BOOK PREMIUMS**, which apply to all orders.



# THE BEST SUGAR CORN.

PLEASE NOTE that the prices quoted below are for the seed postpaid by mail. If wanted in larger quantities, by express or freight, see **Special BULK Price List, page 101.** Our Sugar Corn is of the very best quality. To have the finest sweet corn of any variety, it should be picked in just the right condition, that is, when the skin of the grain breaks at the slightest puncture, and plantings should be made frequently enough always to have a supply at this stage. The quality is inferior if it is a few days too old or too young.

Each variety below is 10 cts. per pkt., 20 cts. per pint, or 35 cts. per quart, postpaid.

**Extra Early ADAMS, or Burlington.** While not a *sweet corn*, this is a tender white corn for table use. Dwarf stalk, small ears; hardy; can be planted earlier than any Sweet Corn.

**THE CORY.** It has become very popular, because *extremely* early, but is now excelled by the new **FIRST OF ALL** and **EARLY FORDHOOK**, described under Novelties.

**MARBLEHEAD EARLY.** Extra early, ripening after Cory. Stalks four feet high.

**EXTRA EARLY VERMONT.** "Really a new variety of superior quality, with a pure white cob, six to eight inches long, well filled to the tip with eight rows of very large, pure white kernels. It is extremely early, being fit for the table or market earlier than any other sweet corn we have ever known." In our trials it has not proved so early as either our **FORDHOOK EARLY** or **THE FIRST OF ALL**.

**EARLY MINNESOTA.** The Standard Early Sweet Corn; ripens a little earlier than Crosby's. Eight-rowed ears of good size, sweet, and well-flavored.

**CROSBY'S Early TWELVE-ROWED.** Although called "twelve-rowed," it frequently has only ten rows. Of excellent quality, being sweet and juicy.

**STABLER'S EXTRA EARLY.** A new variety, of larger size than usual for the early kinds. It is remarkable for sweetness and earliness, ripens nearly as early as the Marblehead; a desirable canning variety.

**PERRY'S HYBRID SWEET CORN.** As early as the Minnesota and ears much larger, each containing from twelve to fourteen rows of kernels, well filled to the end. The grains are very large and pure white, but the cob is red.

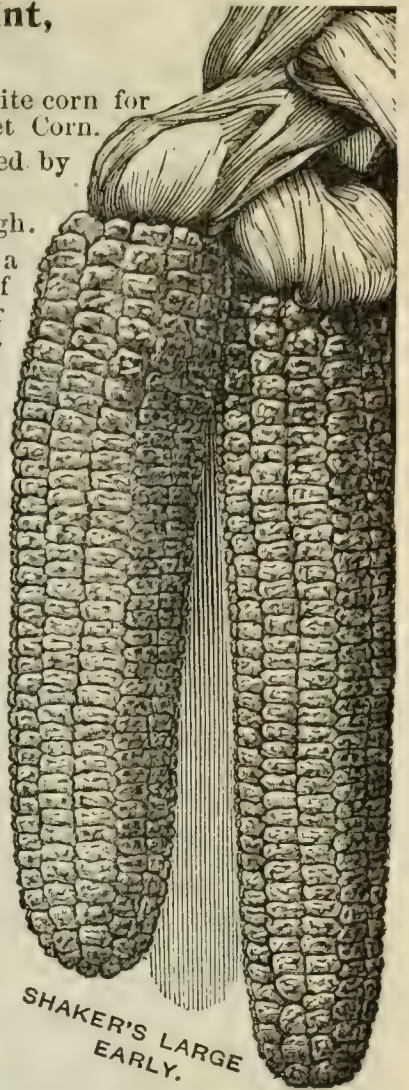
**SHAKER'S LARGE EARLY SWEET CORN.** See illustration, showing two ears greatly reduced in size. It is a superb early variety, with large, well-filled ears; the kernels are of pearly whiteness and most delicious, sweet flavor. It is ready to market one week after Crosby's Corn, while the ears are very much larger, and it completely fills the interval between Crosby's and Stowell's Evergreen.

**POTTER'S EXCELSIOR, or Squantum.** It ripens early, has large, twelve-rowed ears and deep grains. It is remarkably sweet and peculiarly succulent and tender.

**AMBER CREAM.** A strong, vigorous grower of medium season; stalks seven feet high, with dark foliage; ears of large size (ten to fourteen inches long) with deep kernels; very rich, sugary, and tender, and when fit for table use, handsome white. When dry, the kernels are of an amber color and shriveled.

**NE PLUS ULTRA (Shoe Peg or Quaker Sweet).** The deep shoe-peg kernels are placed very irregularly but very compactly upon the cob. It is very prolific, generally bearing three to five ears to the stalk, and matures a little before Stowell's Evergreen,—being sweeter and more sugary to the taste even than that well-known standard of quality.

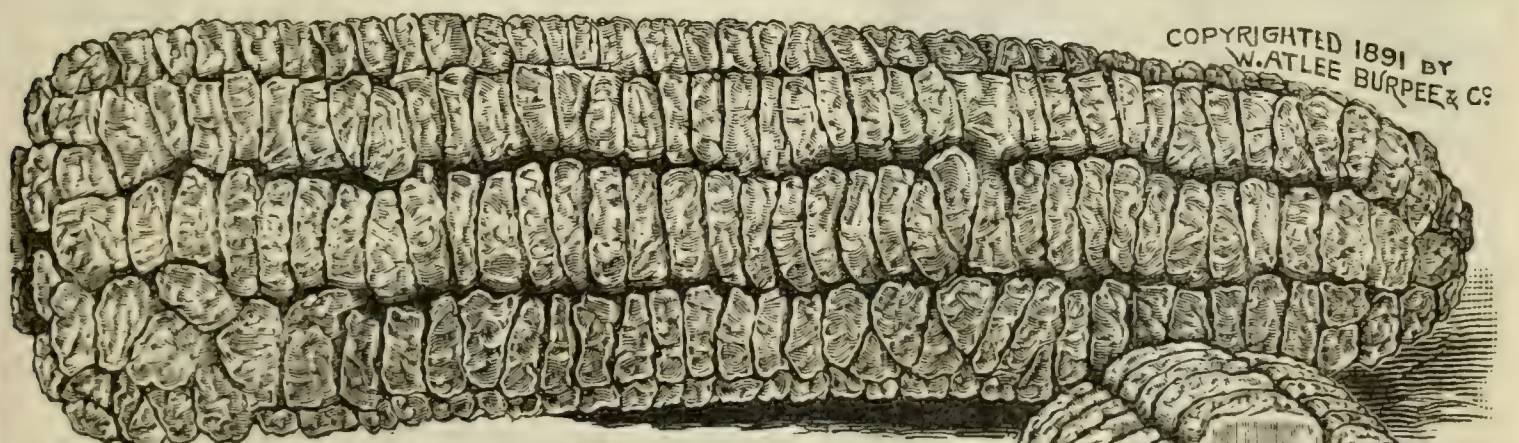
**COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.** In this we have a variety which produces ears of full size, retaining all the delicious sweetness and high quality of the original *Ne Plus Ultra*. The crop can be counted on to give three to five ears to a stalk. The cob is very small, thereby giving great depth to the kernels, which are of pearly whiteness, and, we cannot say too often, *surprisingly sweet and tender*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; per quart 40 cts., postpaid.



SHAKER'S LARGE EARLY.



IMPROVED NE PLUS ULTRA, OR COUNTRY GENTLEMAN.

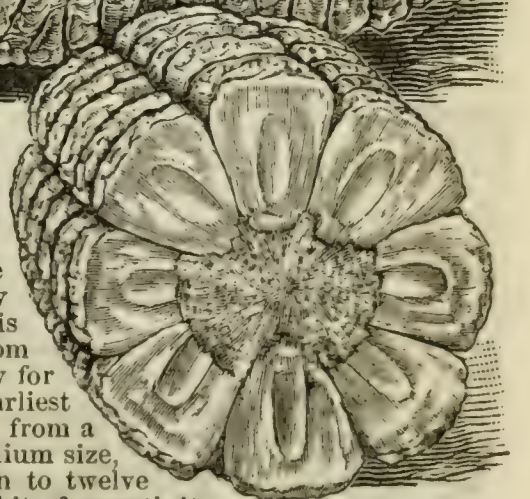


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## SWEET CORN,—“FIRST OF ALL.”

The Earliest of All;—Earlier than the Early Cory.

The single statement on the preceding line will make thousands of our customers eager to have the **FIRST OF ALL Sweet Corn**. For years we have been watching all new varieties in the hope that we would eventually get a Sweet Corn even earlier than the famous **Cory Corn**, and at last this has been accomplished. The **FIRST OF ALL** is ready for the table from *three days to a week earlier than the Cory*, making it very desirable not only for family gardens, but extremely valuable to grow for market, where the earliest corn always brings by far the highest prices. The illustration, engraved from a photograph, reduced in size, shows the form of the ears, which are of medium size, well filled with large grains to the very tip. Many of the ears contain ten to twelve rows, while ears of the Cory Corn generally have only eight rows. In habit of growth it is rather dwarfer than the Cory, although similar in appearance, but *superior in quality, tender, and sweet*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 40 cts., postpaid.





# STOWELL'S EVERGREEN.

This Famous Sweet Corn, **BEST** for Main-Crop, as now Improved, is the

This grand old variety, first introduced through the Philadelphia market many years ago, has had many competitors for first place as the standard main-crop Sweet Corn. It has withstood the test of time and competition, and by the private planter, canner, and market gardener is more generally grown to-day than ever before. In the hands of the experienced grower it has been so vastly improved that, although very fine when originated by Mr. Nathan Stowell, of Burlington County, N. J., in whose honor it was named, it is now as superior to the original stock of many years ago as this was to the old varieties which it superseded.

For this reason we have decided to devote unusual space to its description, and in order to give a correct idea of the variety as now developed, have had engraved the illustration shown herewith, made from a photograph of an ear of the true type. The illustration distinctly shows the formation and depth of grains and the manner in which they are set on the cob, which is small in comparison to the size of the ear, making this strain of **Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn** far more pleasant and much easier to eat off the cob than the **Zig-Zag** variety.

For table use the quality of the **Improved Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn** cannot be excelled; it is very tender, sugary, and remains a long time in condition suitable for cooking. Coming into market at a time when the main-crops are being sold, these are very important conditions. The seed which we offer is *free from glaze and flint*, has been grown completely isolated from all other varieties, and is warranted pure and true; its qualities will not be found in the Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn as usually sold, which has generally deteriorated both in quality and productiveness. For *canning* purposes the **Improved Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn** will prove most satisfactory; its large ears, with long, slender grains, make by far the most salable canned corn, and it outyields all other varieties. Our grower writes that he has raised as much as one hundred and ninety-five bushels of ears from an acre, and has exhibited specimens at fairs with four and five ears to the stalk.

Western-grown Sweet Corn is more apt to be glazed than that grown in the East, but as many desire it on account of the difference in price, we have grown a quantity in Nebraska from the finest selected stock, which we offer at a lower price.

We desire to impress upon our customers the fact that to have the finest quality and largest yield of this *best of all* main-crop Sweet Corn, they must plant the long, thin, narrow grains, which are of light weight, a measured bushel weighing only forty-eight pounds. To those who plant for profit, as well as for home use, we strongly recommend a liberal trial of the **Improved Stowell's Evergreen Sweet Corn** this year.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts., postpaid.  
**See Bulk Prices, page 101.**

**NEW EVERBEARING.** The introducer: "Ripening a few days after Stabler's Early, each stalk will produce one to two well-developed ears; if these are picked when mature, one to two, and even four, more ears will develop on the same stalk." Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

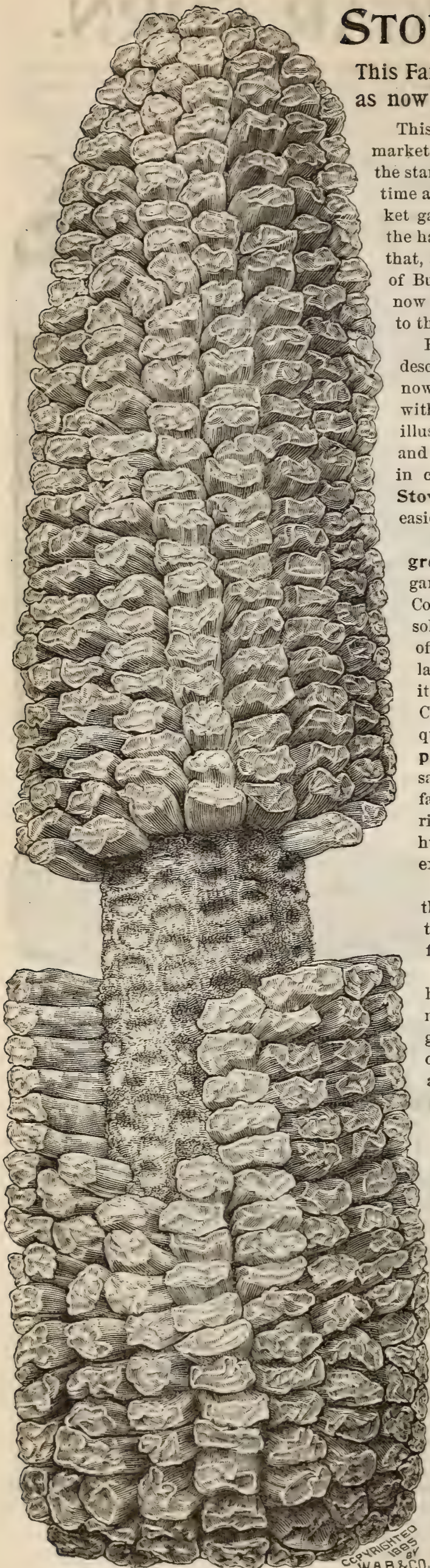
**STABLER'S PEDIGREE.** This distinct new variety is of extra quality for canning and for the table. Grains deep and in straight rows on the cob; silk white and easily removed. Generally bears two handsome ears to the stalk, which are of large size. *It ripens earlier than Stowell's Evergreen, and is equal to that well-known standard in sweetness and flavor.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.



**MAMMOTH LATE.** This produces the largest ears of any, a single ear sometimes weighing as much as two to three pounds. It ripens a little later than the Evergreen, with larger cobs, the kernels being flatter, not horse-tooth shape. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**EGYPTIAN, or WASHINGTON MARKET.** Later than the Mammoth, and ten days later than the Evergreen. Ears large and uniform. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**For Bulk Prices, see page 101.**







Pop Corn should be found in every garden, especially if there are children to enjoy it during the long winter evenings, which bring young people together for social amusement. It is a fact not generally known that pop corn pops best when more than one year old, and that, when well popped, it becomes twenty times its natural size; thus, a quart and a half will make nearly a bushel of popped corn. In the illustration will be seen a convenient "popper," which may be easily made of wire netting. The heading also shows the distinct character of the kernels of different varieties, while several are also unique and ornamental in habit of growth.

**MAPLEDALE PROLIFIC.** This remarkable variety originated with PROF. R. L. WETHERELL, of Davenport, Iowa, who stated: "I selected on my Mapledale fruit farm, this year, ten stalks with one hundred and twenty-one (121) ears, or an average of twelve ears to the stalk, one stalk having nineteen ears." Besides its very prolific character, we are much pleased with the corn in other respects. The stalks grow six feet high, and the ears are all large in size, with grains nearly clear white in color. An average ear measured six and a half inches long, and contained 585 perfect kernels. It pops pure paper white, of fine quality. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**SILVER LACE.** It suckers so that a single kernel will produce three to four stalks, making it an exceedingly productive variety; for this reason not more than two kernels should be allowed to grow in a hill. The ears are very handsome, five to six inches in length, with sixteen rows well filled out to the end with smooth, round, metallic white grains. It differs from the old rice pop corn in the shape of the kernels, greater productiveness, its superior tenderness when parched, and its beautiful transparency. Price of ears 10 cts each, or 4 for 25 cts., postpaid. Shelled, 10 cts. per pkt.; 20 cts. per pint; 40 cts. per quart, postpaid.

**WHITE RICE.** The most widely known variety; very popular for parching. Selected seed. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; per quart 35 cts., postpaid.

**AMBER RICE.** This beautiful and distinct Pop Corn will give great satisfaction. The stalks grow five feet high, each bearing two or three perfect ears, eight to ten inches long, well filled with handsome, rich, amber-colored kernels. A most attractive variety; pops pure white, expanding to a large size, and is very tender when popped. Undoubtedly one of the very best for popping, either for home use or commercial purposes. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**NEW RED RICE.** The stalks grow six feet high and average three to four ears each. The large, thick ears, from five to six inches long, are  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide at the base, tapering gradually to the end. Each ear is crowded with handsome, large, rice-shaped kernels of a deep claret or dark red color. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**QUEEN'S GOLDEN POP CORN.** This handsome, dis-

tinct Pop Corn was sent to us by a gardener in Indiana, who wrote: "It is so far ahead of all others that I have seen or tried as to be beyond comparison in every respect, in yield, handsome appearance, in sturdy growth, in size, and in color when popped. Above all is its exceeding tenderness when popped, together with its delicious and delicate taste." After

twelve years, we can indorse all that Mr.

Queen has said. The stalks grow six feet high, and the large ears are produced in abundance. Its quality and handsome appearance when popped are very noticeable. It pops perfectly white, and a single kernel will expand to a diameter of nearly one inch. Ears 10 cts. each, or 4 for 25 cts., by mail. Shelled, 10 cts. pkt.; 20 cts. pint; 40 cts. quart.



### GOLDEN TOM THUMB POP CORN.

The stalks grow only eighteen inches high, and each stalk produces two or three perfect little ears, only two to two and a quarter inches long, completely filled with bright, golden-yellow grains, which, when popped, expand to a large size. It is a perfect miniature corn, and so ornamental is the growth that we are quite sure it will be a feature of many flower gardens.

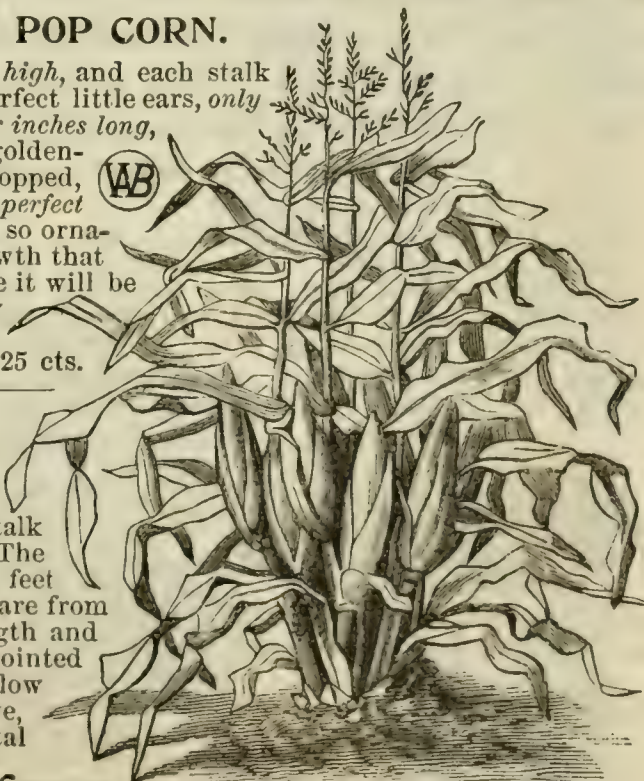
Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### NEW CALIFORNIA YELLOW POP CORN.

Of a peculiar and beautiful habit; never suckers, but on each short, erect stalk there are three or four ears. The stalks grow three and a half feet high and the miniature ears are from two to three inches in length and perfect in form, with deep, pointed grains of a fine, light-yellow color. It is very productive, and extremely ornamental while growing; it pops well. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



CALIFORNIA YELLOW POP CORN.  
Engraved from a Photograph.



BURPEE'S GOLDEN TOM THUMB POP CORN





FORDHOOK WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

## FORDHOOK WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER.

THE FORDHOOK has the perfect form shown in above illustration, and is a marked improvement over all other strains of White Spine. The cucumbers are almost cylindrical in shape, slightly pointed at the ends, and handsome in appearance, being perfectly smooth and not ridged, as in other strains. The vines are of vigorous growth and enormously productive, the fruits retaining their dark-green color after being picked longer than any other variety; even when practically *white* they still present a greenish tinge. Unequaled alike for market and for commercial pickles.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 15 cts.; per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.10, postpaid; by express \$1.00 per lb.

## CUCUMBERS.

Our prices for seed are a little higher, BUT, with two exceptions, our seed is all Northern and Eastern grown. These exceptions are *The Giant Pera*, which requires a longer season to mature, and *The Cool and Crisp*, which is itself a Western variety, and is grown for us by its originator.

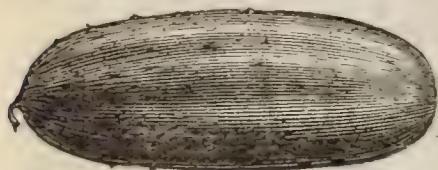
As nearly all other seedsmen handle Western-grown Cucumber Seed because *it is cheaper*, we have the past season also had crops grown for us by the most reliable Western growers, and now offer, in quantities of one pound or more, the best Western-grown seed of any variety at 10 cts. per lb. less than prices quoted.—or, of course, 18 cts. per lb less if ordered by express or freight at expense of purchaser, as these prices include prepayment of postage.

|  | Per oz. | $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. | Per lb. |
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| Improved Early White Spine, or Arlington. A fine strain, . . .         | \$0 10  | \$0 20            | \$0 60  |
| Peerless White Spine. Straight cucumbers, full at both ends, . . .     | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Hill's Forcing White Spine. A strain of remarkable perfection, . .     | 10      | 25                | 75      |
| Evergreen, or Extra Long White Spine. Twelve inches long, . .          | 10      | 25                | 75      |
| Early Frame, or Early Short Green. For slicing and pickling, .         | 10      | 20                | 50      |
| Early Green Cluster. A short, prickly, seedy variety, . . . . .        | 10      | 20                | 50      |
| Nichol's Medium Green. Cucumbers thick through; full at both ends,     | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Livingston's Evergreen. Better than preceding, . . . . .               | 10      | 20                | 65      |
| Improved Chicago Pickle. The true Westerfield strain, . . . . .        | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Extra Long Green Prickly. Dark green; 12 to 14 inches long, . . .      | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Burpee's White Pearl. Small, smooth fruits of pearl-white color, . .   | 15      | 40                |         |
| West India Gherkin. Small, prickly fruits, exclusively for pickling, . | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |

In regular-size packets, each of the above, 5 cents per packet.

**EARLY RUSSIAN.** Earliest in cultivation, hardy, prolific, and only about three inches long; fine for pickles and unsurpassed for table use, being remarkably solid, with very few seeds, and of best quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**EARLY GREEN PROLIFIC, or BOSTON PICKLING** (Extra Early Prolific). It is sufficient praise to say



that it is equal to the Arlington or Peerless White Spine for pickling, and that it is immensely productive. Ours is the improved strain. Per

pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**NEW EXTRA EARLY WHITE SPINE.** This special strain of White Spine Cucumber is noted for its extra earliness; it is earlier than either the Fordhook, Hill's, or Arlington. The cucumbers are smaller in size, but of fine form and good color, while their extreme earliness renders this strain valuable. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BURPEE'S WHITE WONDER.** See *Novelties for 1896*.



LONDON LONG GREEN CUCUMBER.

**LONDON LONG GREEN.** The leading variety of Long Green Cucumber, twelve to sixteen inches long, of excellent quality, dark green, firm, and crisp. An *Extra Selected Strain*, of the true type. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**SERPENT, or SNAKE CUCUMBER.** A remarkable and very interesting curiosity. The cucumbers grow curled up like a snake with the head protruding, and sometimes are six feet in length. The illustration on the seed-bag well represents their shape, and, although they attain great size, the quality is fair. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



## NEW GIANT WHITE CUCUMBER.

The cucumbers are of gigantic size and always of a *pure waxen white*, from the time they are first set until matured. They grow from twelve to sixteen inches long by from two to three inches in diameter, very uniform, straight, and perfectly smooth. The flesh is very solid, pure white, with exceptionally few seeds, and is exceedingly crisp, of *most superior flavor*. As a variety for slicing they will prove very useful, while for exhibition no other cucumber will attract so much attention. We measured a magnificent specimen grown in our trial grounds *nearly seventeen inches long by three and a quarter inches in diameter*, that weighed *six and a quarter pounds*,—so very solid and heavy are the fruits of GIANT WHITE.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 35 cts.

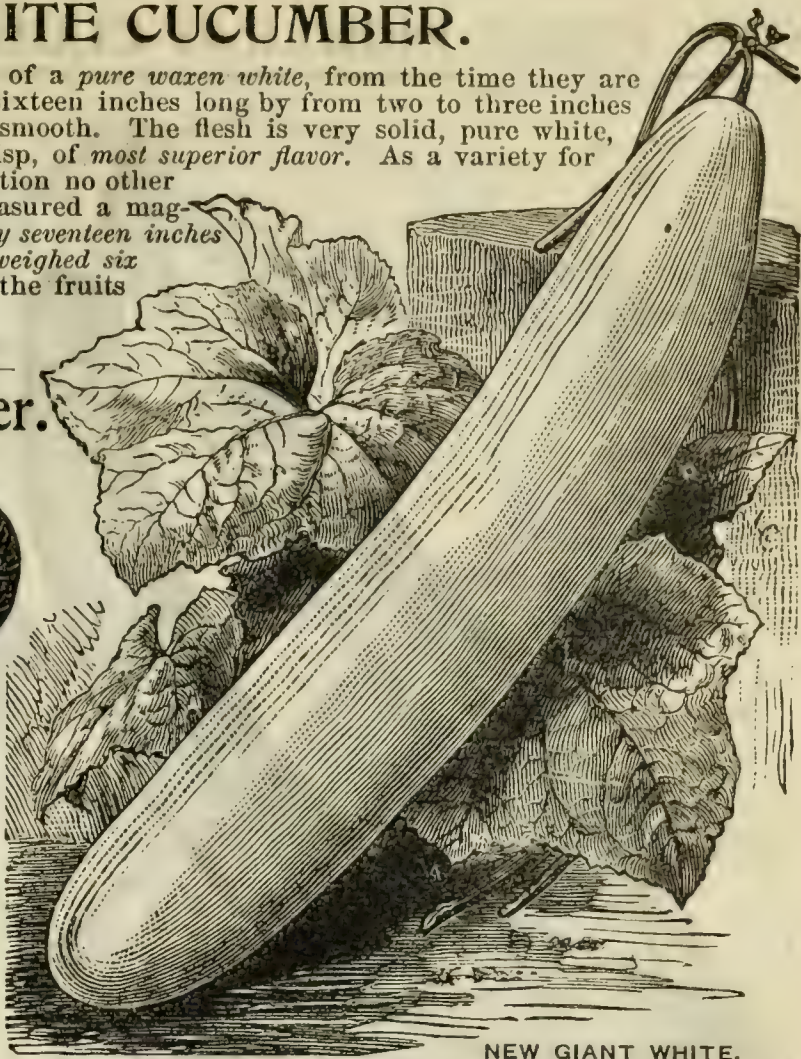
## New Japanese Climbing Cucumber.



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The vines are of healthy, vigorous growth, with rich, dark-green foliage, and throw out *strong, grasping tendrils*, which enable it to climb trellis, wire netting, brush, or any other suitable support. It comes into bearing quickly and continues abundantly throughout the season, while the climbing habit enables the hanging fruit to grow perfectly straight; from twelve to sixteen inches in length, the cucumbers are thick, tender, and of delicate flavor; flesh pure white, skin dark green turning to brown and netted when ripe. They are of good quality, and when young make attractive pickles.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.



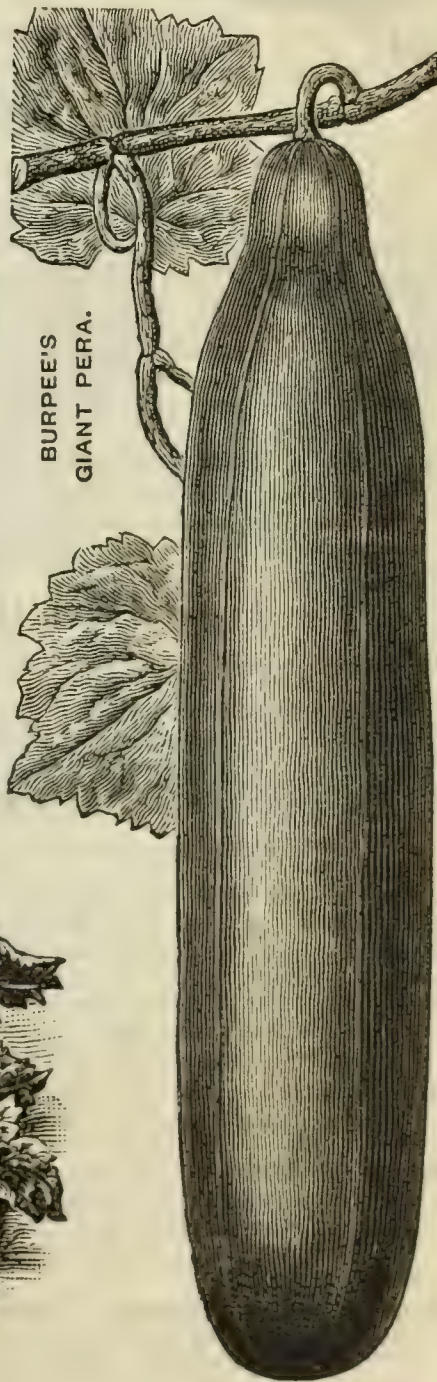
NEW GIANT WHITE.

## BURPEE'S GIANT PERA CUCUMBER.

THE GIANT PERA is a most prolific variety; the cucumbers are set early, near the hill, and very close together. As shown in the illustration, the cucumbers uniformly grow very smooth and straight; the skin is a beautiful medium green, perfectly smooth, free from spines, and retains its clear green color until nearly ripe. They are very thick through, perfectly round, full at the blossom end, and of equal diameter throughout, except that they taper a little at the stem end. The green cucumbers are fit to eat at any stage, the flesh is *entirely white, very clear, peculiarly crisp, tender, and brittle*, with *very few seeds*, and free from the obnoxious "green cucumber taste."

The seed cavity is remarkably small, and the seeds are so slow to form that even large cucumbers, twelve to fifteen inches in length and three inches in diameter, are still equally as firm and crisp as smaller specimens, the seeds being yet almost unformed. A mature Giant Pera eighteen to twenty-two inches long will hardly give as much seed as a small, short, green cucumber.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



BURPEE'S  
GIANT PERA.

## Thorburn's New Ever-Bearing Cucumber.

This new variety, first offered in 1891, has proved very useful on account of its *ever-bearing* character,—*notice habit of growth in the illustration below*. The first cucumbers are ready *very early*; then the vines continue to flower and produce fruit *continuously until killed by frost*, whether the ripe cucumbers are picked off or not, *differing in this respect from all other sorts in cultivation*. A single vine will exhibit at the same time cucumbers in every stage of growth, the small ones being perfect in shape, of a fine green color, and just the right size for pickling. They are remarkably solid, with few seeds, and of very fine quality both for slicing and pickling.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



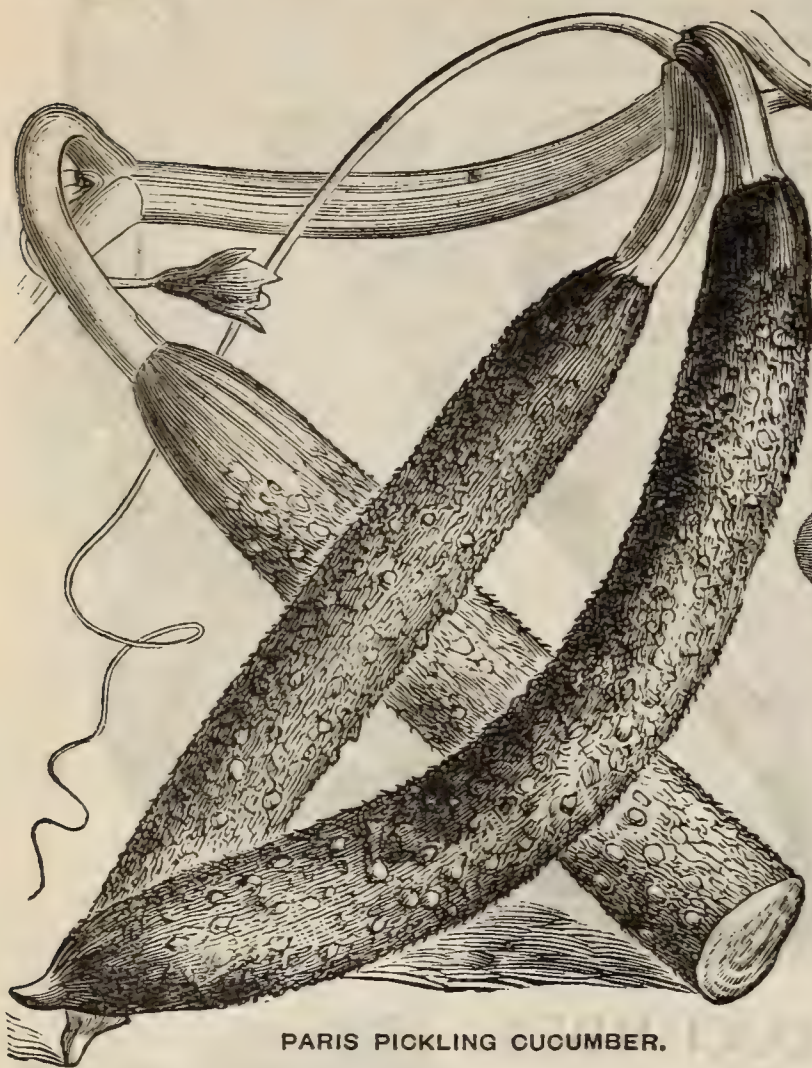
A SINGLE PLANT OF THE NEW EVER-BEARING CUCUMBER.



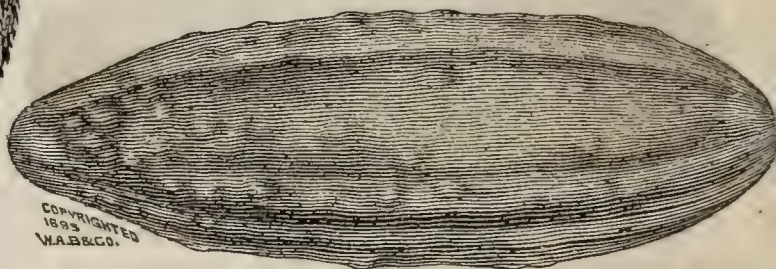
## NEW PARIS PICKLING CUCUMBER.

THE PARIS PICKLING is *decidedly the best of all in quality for pickling.*

The young cucumbers, when of the proper age for pickling, are slim and slender, from three to five inches in length, and the entire surface of the skin is covered with delicate, black, hairy spines. The brittle crispness of these little fruits equals that of the best snap-short beans; so crisp and brittle are they that they snap freely, and, when ready for pickling, show *absolutely no signs of seeds.* When we add that at the pickling stage, in connection with the good qualities named, the fruits are of an *unusually dark-green color*—so deep that no coloring matter is necessary, even in preparing them for market—it will be apparent that the PARIS PICKLING is altogether *unapproached in quality.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.



PARIS PICKLING CUCUMBER.



THE NEW "COOL AND CRISP" CUCUMBER.

### Cucumber,—“COOL AND CRISP.”

“Extra early! Exceedingly prolific! —  
—Bears the whole season!”

Our little illustration from a photograph shows the shape, but until they reach full size the skin is a *very dark green*, almost black. Another peculiar feature is the prominence of the knobs upon which the spines are placed, making it very attractive for pickling, while it is also tender and crisp for slicing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

## CRESS.

**Fine Curled (Pepper Grass).** This little salad will bear cutting several times; used mixed with lettuce, its leaves impart an agreeable, warm, pungent taste. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**Water Cress.** One of the most appetizing, delicious flavored of small salads; it does fairly well in very moist situations, but thrives best in shallow water on the edges of streams, where it grows most luxuriantly. It is a hardy perennial and increases in growth from year to year. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$4.00.

**UPLAND CRESS.** A perennial, resembling water cress in flavor. Good all the year round; cut often, using only the young leaves, which are of a pleasant, pungent flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.

## DANDELION.

**Improved Large-Leaved.** Very early and wholesome greens. Sow in May or June; cultivate during summer, and following spring the leaves will be fit to cut. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 50 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.50; per lb \$5.00.

## ENDIVE.

This is one of the most refreshing and attractive of all autumn and winter salads. It is commonly known in restaurants as *Chicorée*, and is particularly appetizing when served mixed with lettuce, with plain French dressing. Sow seed from middle of June to last of August. When the plants are full grown, tie all the outside leaves together over the heart, to blanch the inner leaves, which will take about a week. Never tie up when the leaves are wet, as they will then decay.

**Green Curled.** The hardiest variety; very ornamental, curled, dark green leaves, which blanch white and crisp. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**White Curled.** While the leaves are not so tender as are those of the Green Curled, it is the most beautiful variety; the midrib is yellow and the leaves are almost white. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**Broad-Leaved Batavian.** Forms large heads of broad, thick leaves, used for flavoring soups and stews, while if blanched the inner leaves make a fine salad. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

## GOURDS.

The following varieties will be found useful for household and farm purposes. An illustration of the variety, with instructions for growing, is printed on each paper of seed. For ornamental varieties see *Flower Seeds*.

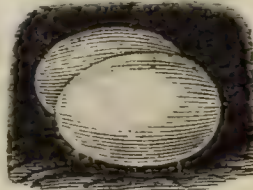
**SUGAR-TROUGH GOURD.** These gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the winter's lard. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light but durable, having been kept in use as long as ten years. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



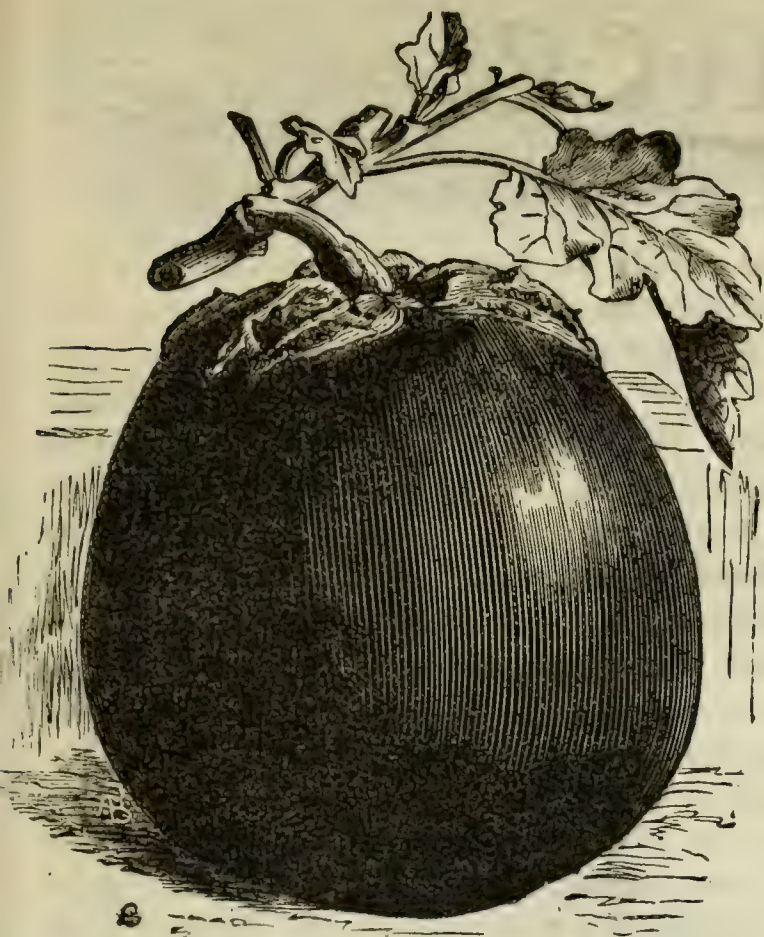
**THE DIPPER GOURD.** This variety is also useful for many household purposes. When grown on the ground the stems will be curved, while if raised as a climbing vine, on a trellis, the weight of the blossom end will cause the stem to grow straight. They are very easily prepared for use as dippers, will last for years, and are particularly valuable for dipping hot liquids—the handles do not readily become hot. Dippers of various sizes can be had from a few vines. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cents.; per lb \$2.50.

**DISHCLOTH, or LUFFA.** A natural dishcloth, and a most admirable one, is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit, which is sponge-like, porous, tough, elastic, and durable. They are also most useful in the bath, in place of sponges. The vine is ornamental, producing clusters of yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery-shaded, dark-green foliage. In the North requires to be started in a hotbed. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.** These exactly resemble, in color, shape, and size, the eggs of hens, do not crack, and are uninjured by cold or wet. They make the very best nest-eggs. The plant is a rapidly growing climber, and is useful for covering screens, etc., being quite ornamental, with the numerous white eggs. We have this variety pure, and can now most highly recommend it. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.







N. Y. IMPROVED LARGE PURPLE EGG PLANT.

## EGG PLANT.

The Egg Plant should be grown in every garden, as it is one of the most delicious vegetables known. Sliced and fried in batter, served with raw tomatoes, it can well take the place of meat for supper in the summer or fall. Receipts for cooking in several ways are given in our new book, "**HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES**," which can be selected **FREE as a premium** on an order for seeds to the value of \$3.00 or more. See Book Premiums announced on pages 6 to 11.

**NEW YORK IMPROVED LARGE PURPLE.** The leading market variety; of large size, skin deep purple, smooth, free of thorns; flesh white, of excellent quality; very productive. This is without exception the best egg plant in cultivation, and so much surer to bear than the *Black Pekin* that we have discarded the latter. Our seed is an *extra selected strain* of superb quality. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$4.00.

**Extra Long Purple.** Much hardier and earlier than the large Round Purple, succeeding further North. Fruit from six to ten inches long. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 65 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**Extra Early Dwarf Round Purple.** This variety might well be described as a very *small* early New York Purple, as it is the same shape and fine in quality. Its great merit is its hardiness and extra earliness, and hence it is valuable for Northern sections. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

## HORSE RADISH.

The best is grown by planting small lengths of roots called "sets," and not from the crowns. These "sets," planted in May, small end down, with the top one to one and a half inches below the surface, in rich, well-cultivated soil, will form radish of large size and superior quality in one season's growth. Before planting, the top of the set should be cut off slantingly, so as to prevent decay from water resting on the top. The large roots will be ready to pull in October, and from these large roots a supply of sets can be cut off for the next spring's planting. It is customary to gather the crop of roots in October and keep them in trenches, ready to market as opportunity offers during the winter. If grown only for family use, however, it is better to pull the roots just as wanted during the winter, as they will then keep their strong flavor as well as their aroma better. Small roots 8 for 20 cts.; 25 cts. per dozen, or 90 cts. per 100, by mail, postpaid. Write for *special low prices by the thousand*.

## KOHL-RABI, OR TURNIP-ROOTED CABBAGE.

Kohl-rabi is grown for its turnip-shaped bulb, which is formed above ground by the expansion of the stem. The bulb should be used while young and tender, as age detracts from its good quality. Set plants eight inches apart in the row. For later use sow seed in drills and thin to the proper distance apart. When well-grown and properly prepared for the table it is one of the most desirable of vegetables, and should be in every garden.

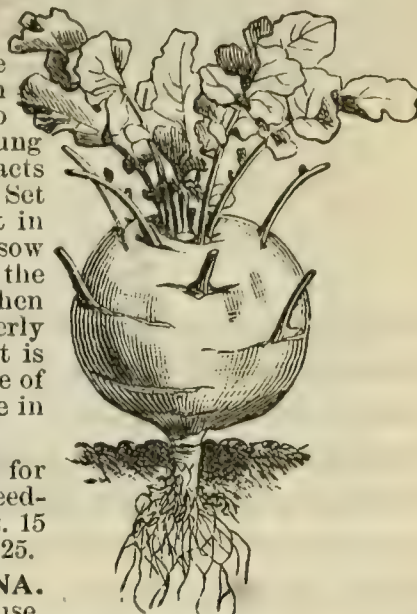
**Green or White.** Good for table use and stock feeding. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; lb \$1.25.

**EARLY WHITE VIENNA.**

The best for table use.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**EARLY PURPLE VIENNA.** This variety is the most largely grown for table use in Germany and Austria. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



## LEEK.

Sow the seed very early, in a seed bed in a sheltered place, if possible. When plants are about six inches long, transplant them to trenches six inches deep, with very rich soil at the bottom. Fill up the trenches as the plants grow, and later draw soil up to them. As a result you will have fine, large leeks, blanched, half a foot long, which may be kept all winter if dug up with the roots on, and stored in moist sand in the cellar. Aside from being valuable for soups and salads, blanched leek makes an excellent dish when sliced and cooked like peas. This fact does not seem to be generally known, as well-grown leek is so seldom seen.



**BROAD LONDON FLAG.** Large, with broad leaves, growing on two sides, like the flag. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

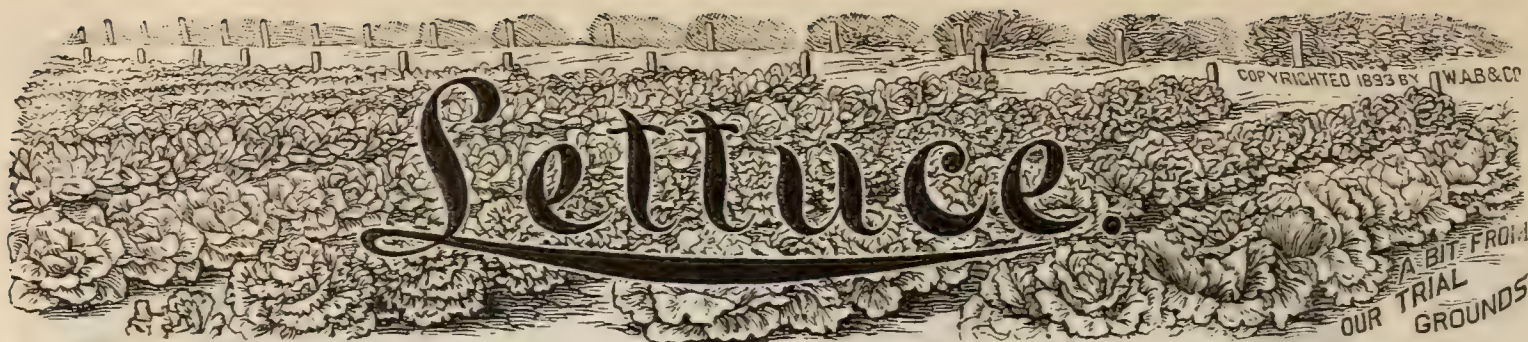
**NEW GIANT ITALIAN.** Introduced by us in 1884, this fine variety has given great satisfaction everywhere. It is very hardy, easily grown, and of monstrous size; of a very mild and agreeable flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.

**MONSTROUS CARENTAN, or SCOTCH CHAMPION.** A very choice variety, of extra large size, rapid growth, and very hardy. The leaves are fan-shape, of a dark-green color; the edible stem is six to eight inches long and three inches in diameter. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.



**"CUPID,"** the new Dwarf Sweet Pea. This is the floral wonder of the age. Only five inches high, covered with pure white flowers, and blooming two months longer than any other Sweet Pea. No garden can be complete this season without "CUPID." See *Flower Seed Novelties*.





Every garden should have a plentiful supply of Lettuce. With but little trouble, and the proper selection of varieties, it can be had the whole year round, while no other salad is so appetizing or more wholesome.

|   | Per oz. | $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. | Per lb. |
|---|---------|-------------------|---------|
| White-Seeded Tennis Ball, or Boston Market. For forcing, . . .              | \$0 10  | \$0 30            | \$1 00  |
| Black-Seeded Tennis Ball. For forcing; extremely hardy, . . .               | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Black-Seeded Butter. Similar to Tennis Ball, but larger, . . .              | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Hittinger's Belmont Forcing, or New Hot-Bed Lettuce, . . .                  | 15      | 40                | 1 25    |
| Philadelphia Dutch Butter. A fine forcing Lettuce; solid, . . .             | 15      | 50                | 1 50    |
| Stonehead Golden Yellow. Handsome, solid head; very quick growing, . . .    | 15      | 50                | 1 50    |
| Early Curled Silesia. A leading early sort for cutting, . . .               | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Early Curled Simpson. Loose head; early and tender, . . .                   | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Black-Seeded Simpson. Larger in size and lighter in color, . . .            | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Onondaga. A superb cutting lettuce, shaded brown, . . .                     | 15      | 50                | 1 50    |
| Yellow-Seeded Butter. Dense yellow heads; crisp and tender, . . .           | 15      | 40                | 1 25    |
| Blonde Blockhead. Hard, compact heads of a rich, golden-yellow color, . . . | 15      | 50                | 1 50    |
| Gold Nugget. Fine golden-yellow heads, of rich, buttery flavor, . . .       | 20      | 60                | 2 00    |
| Boston Curled. Of ordinary quality, but great beauty, . . .                 | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Green Fringed. Most ornamental in growth; leaves beautifully fringed, . . . | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Early Prize-Head. Large, loose heads, tinged with brown, . . .              | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Denver Market. Attractive large, solid heads; of fine quality, . . .        | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| New York. Large, solid heads; very dark green in color, . . .               | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Philadelphia Early White Cabbage. Fine, handsome heads, . . .               | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Paris White Cos. Of upright growth; crisp and tender, . . .                 | 10      | 30                | 1 00    |
| Giant White Cos. Of large, upright growth; fine quality, . . .              | 15      | 40                | 1 25    |

Each Lettuce, named above, 5 cents per packet.

## NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE.

Quick Growing.—Hard, Handsome Heads.—Exquisite in Flavor.

Our customers will surely remember the beautiful colored plate of this distinct new Lettuce shown in THE FARM ANNUAL for 1894. There is no handsomer or more solid Cabbage Lettuce in cultivation—in fact, it is strikingly beautiful. The large, curly leaves which cover



NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE.

the outside of the solid heads are of a bright, light green, with a very slight reddish tinge at the edges; they have small indents, which are constantly filled with dewdrops. They are thus kept fresh, and show a remarkably crystalline appearance, which well warrants the name of ICEBERG.

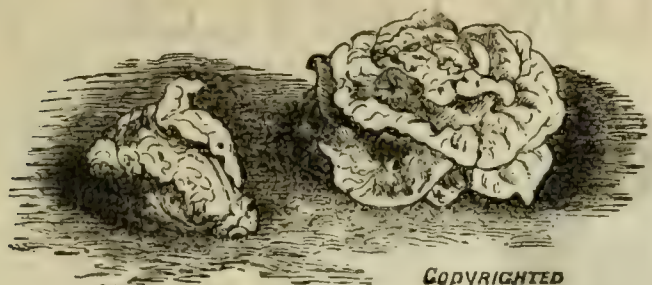
The unusual solidity of the heads is insured by the large, white main ribs of the leaves, each of which, curving strongly into the center, acts like a truss, making it impossible for the leaves to open outward and expose the center, which is constantly thoroughly blanched. It matters not whether in the early spring or the hottest days of summer, the quality is simply perfect. So long-standing and hard are the heads that they seldom shoot up to seed unless cut open with a knife. In all our experience we have seldom seen such superb



heads of Lettuce, and we confidently recommend the NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.





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WHEELER'S TOM THUMB LETTUCE.

**TOM THUMB LETTUCE.** It sometimes happens that in the prevailing search for "Novelties" a really good old standard variety is overlooked; this seems to be the case with the Tom Thumb Lettuce, a variety known as a leading favorite in England for many years, yet which is unknown in America. It comes very early and is slow to run to seed, makes a good Lettuce for forcing, and is a most excellent variety for early spring sowing in the open garden. Of bright green appearance, each plant makes a solid, compact head, so hard and compact that it is well blanched within, while the flavor is most excellent. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



BURPEE'S SILVER BALL LETTUCE.

**BURPEE'S SILVER BALL.** This Lettuce produces a beautiful head, very firm, solid, and compact, with handsomely curled leaves. The head is of an attractive, silvery-white color, very rich, buttery, and of most delicious flavor. It comes early and stands a long while; excellent, both for spring and summer. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



IMPROVED HANSON LETTUCE. From a Photograph.

**HANSON (Improved Hard-Heading Stock).** We can recommend this as one of the *very best*. Heads green outside and white within; grows to a remarkable size, *very solid*, and is deliciously sweet, crisp, and tender. It withstands the hot sun. *This hard-heading stock of Hanson Lettuce has been so improved that most of the heads are so very solid that they do not send up any seed stalks unless cut open with a knife.* Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



BURPEE'S HARD-HEAD LETTUCE.

**BURPEE'S HARD-HEAD LETTUCE.** Appropriately named, as it is one of the **hardest heading of all Lettuces**. It grows very rapidly and heads extremely early; the heads are nearly as solid as cabbage. The outer leaves are tinged with brownish-red, changing toward the center of the head from a beautiful golden-yellow to a creamy white. It is as palatable as it is beautiful; very tender; never bitter, of a sweet, buttery flavor; it surpasses in quality most varieties of cabbage lettuce. It is ready for use from the time it is three inches across until it runs to seed, and always crisp and tender. From our customers we have received but one verdict, and that is—"The *quickest in forming heads, the hardest heads of all, and the best for flavor and long standing.*" Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.



**GRAND RAPIDS.** Of superior quality and beautiful appearance, the GRAND RAPIDS LETTUCE is a strong grower, free from rot, and keeps crisp and tender without wilting, when exposed for sale, longer than any other forcing Lettuce. We have also found it a desirable variety for early spring sowing in the open ground. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



BURPEE'S TOMHANNOCK LETTUCE.

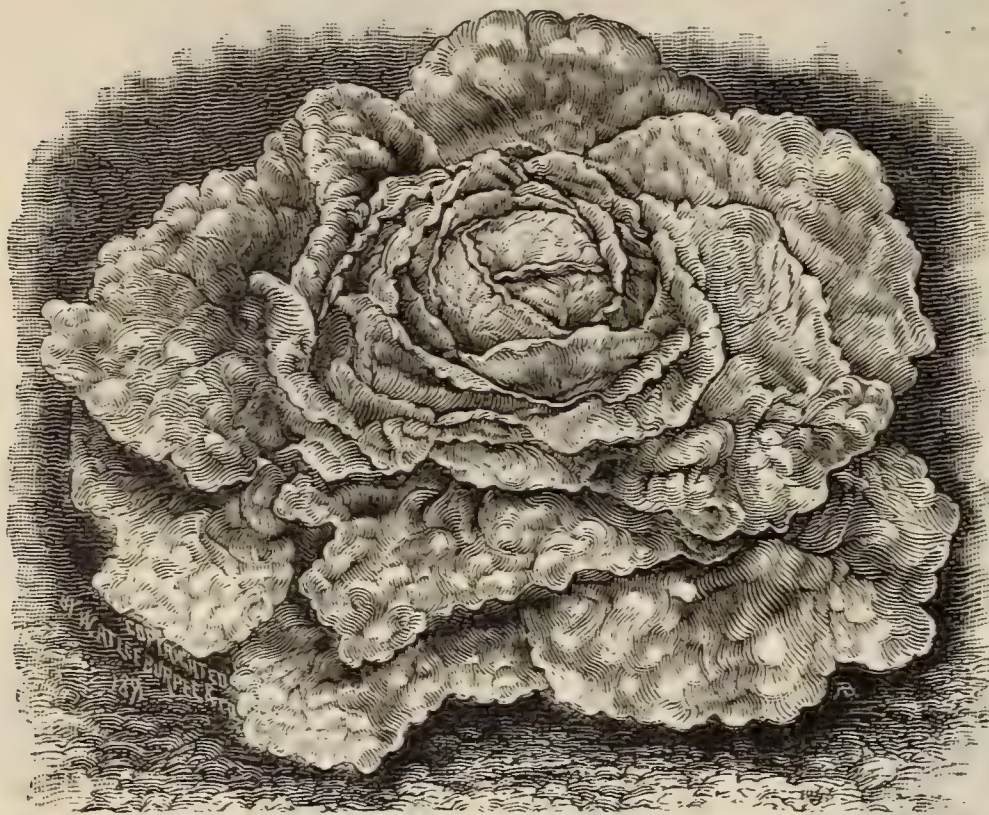
**BURPEE'S TOMHANNOCK.** First introduced by us in 1886. The Tomhannock Lettuce does not head, but makes a loose bunch of leaves of *superlatively fine quality*. It forms a beautiful plant, ten to twelve inches high by nine to ten inches across; the leaves grow upright, the upper part of the outer leaves turning outward very gracefully, and are handsomely wrinkled. The edges of the outer leaves are of a glossy reddish-bronze, very ornamental and fresh in appearance; within, the leaves are almost white and wonderfully crisp and tender. It grows very quickly, is ready to cut early. Per. pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.



Useful PREMIUMS Free,—see pages 6 to 11.



## THICK-HEAD YELLOW LETTUCE.



We were very much pleased with this new Lettuce, both in Germany and in our own trial grounds at FORDHOOK FARM. The illustration herewith, engraved from a photograph, gives some idea of its handsome appearance. Every plant heads and the heads are uniformly shaped, *very large and thick through*, and of "a solidity equal to that of a cabbage." They measure about seven inches across the solid head; the leaves are slightly crumpled, of a beautiful greenish-yellow color, and *for tenderness it is unsurpassed by any existing variety*. It heads more rapidly than any of the large Lettuces and has the advantage of being unaffected by bad weather, even excessive rains seeming to have no unfavorable influence upon it. The manager of our trial grounds, among other notes on this fine new Lettuce, stated: "It heads well and, taking all in all, is the finest Lettuce we have tested this season. It is of the most delicious, delicate flavor."

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

## The Deacon Lettuce.

Those who like a cabbage lettuce with rich, buttery leaves of great substance, will be thoroughly well pleased with "THE DEACON," which is accurately shown in the illustration herewith, engraved from a photograph. It stands hot weather without becoming bitter or running to seed, and bears fine, large heads of superb quality, light green outside and within a *beautiful cream-yellow*, of *delicious, rich, buttery* flavor. It is the result of over forty years' careful selection in the family of an amateur. *Most highly recommended* for both home use and to sell on market.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.



## California Cream Butter Lettuce.



While inspecting seed crops near San José, California, in May, 1887, we were much struck with the merits of this distinct variety. It forms round, solid heads, which outside are of a medium green slightly marked with small brown spots; within, the leaves are of a very rich cream-yellow color—most refreshing in appearance and particularly rich and buttery to the taste. The heads are of good size. It is medium early and one of the best summer varieties of head lettuce we have ever seen. It is a black-seeded variety, and the heads are so solid that, generally, they have to be cut before any seed stalk can make its appearance. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.







# Cantaloupes or MUSK MELONS

Growers generally recognize that we are **Headquarters for Melon Seed**, having for many years devoted special attention to growing the finest crops especially for seed. We never handle the "cheap seed," of which bushels are offered annually by market growers, who have saved it "especially for seed" (!) from the refuse melons, too late or unfit to market! Tons of this seed are annually sold—it is lower priced than **BURPEE'S SEED!**

See page 12 for record of our own introductions.

## BURPEE'S NETTED GEM MELON.

*This is a Gem indeed!* First named and introduced by us *fifteen years ago*, it is no new or untried novelty, but well deserves the prominent position we give it this season in our catalogue. We have purposely grown an extra large area, for it is a fact that so steadily has the **Netted Gem** increased in public favor that for several years of late we have been unable to supply the demand for our own seed. *There is much impure and mixed seed on the market for which we are not responsible*, but, when grown from pure seed, *we guarantee this to be the best early small green-fleshed melon known to-day.* The illustration, engraved from a photograph of the melons, shows their shape, which is almost a perfect globe. They grow remarkably uniform, weighing from one and a quarter to one and a half pounds each. They are thick-meated, the flesh is light green in color, and uniformly of fine, luscious flavor; skin green, regularly ribbed and thickly netted. Very prolific and extra early in ripening—no variety being earlier. It is to-day more largely grown for the Philadelphia markets than any other variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.; or 5 lbs. for \$4.00, by mail, postpaid.



BURPEE'S NETTED GEM MELONS. From a Photograph.

|  | Per oz. | $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. | Per lb. |
|--|---------|-------------------|---------|
| <b>Early Jenny Lind.</b> Small, early; fine, light-green flesh, . . . . .          | \$0 10  | \$0 20            | \$0 60  |
| <b>Surprise.</b> Cream-colored skin; flesh salmon color; not desirable, . .        | 10      | 20                | 55      |
| <b>White Japan.</b> Smooth, light skin; thick, musky flavor, . . . . .             | 10      | 20                | 55      |
| <b>The Banquet.</b> Densely netted, globular; dark, rich salmon flesh, . .         | 10      | 25                | 75      |
| <b>Delmonico.</b> Oval shape, heavily netted; orange-pink flesh, . . . . .         | 10      | 25                | 70      |
| <b>Hackensack, or Turk's Cap.</b> Large, round; flattened; green flesh, .          | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| <b>Prolific Nutmeg.</b> Round, heavily netted; thick, green flesh, . . . . .       | 10      | 25                | 70      |
| <b>Osage, or Miller Cream.</b> Flesh of rich salmon, thick and sweet, . .          | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| <b>Acme, or Baltimore.</b> Oblong, pointed; light-green flesh, . . . . .           | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| <b>Banana.</b> Grows eighteen to twenty-four inches long; a curiosity, . .         | 10      | 25                |         |
| <b>Boston Mango.</b> Useless as fruit, but the very best for " <i>Mangoes</i> ," . | 10      | 25                | 75      |

## THE EMERALD GEM MELON (Burpee's).

*No other Melon in cultivation to-day, excepting only our New Melrose, is of such rich flavor.* The melons are about the size of *Burpee's Netted Gem*, but, unlike that variety, the skin, while ribbed, is generally smooth and of a very deep emerald-green color. The flesh, which is thicker than in any other melon of the same size, is of a beautiful suffused salmon color, and ripens thoroughly to the extremely thin rind. The flesh is peculiarly crystalline in appearance, and the flavor is **sweet and luscious beyond description.** The vines are thrifty in growth, very prolific; the melons mature *extremely early* and are of the most superb quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.



EMERALD GEM MELONS. From a Photograph.



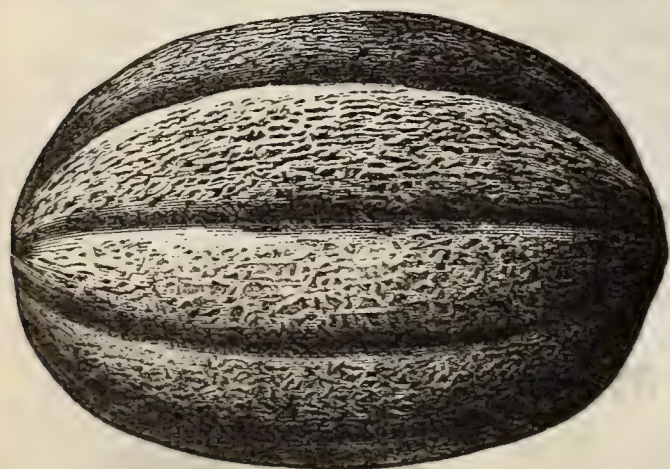
## MUSK MELONS—Continued.



NEW LONG ISLAND BEAUTY MELON.

**LONG ISLAND BEAUTY.** The illustration above accurately pictures this new melon, having been engraved direct from a photograph. *It is a much better melon than the Extra Early Hackensack, and about as early.* The lobes are wider and the netting heavier than on the Hackensack, while the bright green flesh is *thicker and sweeter*,—being of really delicious flavor. Moreover, both Large Hackensack and Extra Early Hackensack are faulty, from a shipper's point of view, in being weak and thin at extreme blossom end,—a fault from which THE LONG ISLAND BEAUTY is entirely free. Altogether a *splendid melon* (when grown from pure seed) both for market and the home garden. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.10. By express, \$1.00 per lb, or 5 lbs. for \$4.00.

**NEW EARLY HACKENSACK.** By careful selection this strain has been so developed that it produces melons with all the good qualities of the well-known Hackensack Melon, but *ten days earlier*. A Melon grower near Albany, N. Y., states that with him the New Early Hackensack was at least *two weeks earlier*. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.



BURPEE'S BAYVIEW MELON.

**BURPEE'S BAYVIEW.** This celebrated variety was first named and introduced by us nineteen years ago. It is very large, fine flavored, and remarkably productive, being a strong, vigorous grower. With ordinary cultivation, the Bayview will weigh ten to fifteen pounds, while with extra manuring it will reach seventeen to twenty pounds in weight. It has sweet, light-green flesh. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**REEDLAND GIANT.** A very long, showy cantaloupe; very hardy and prolific. It comes as nearly pure as possible and equals Bay View in quality, while it is very much larger,—a mammoth green-fleshed melon. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

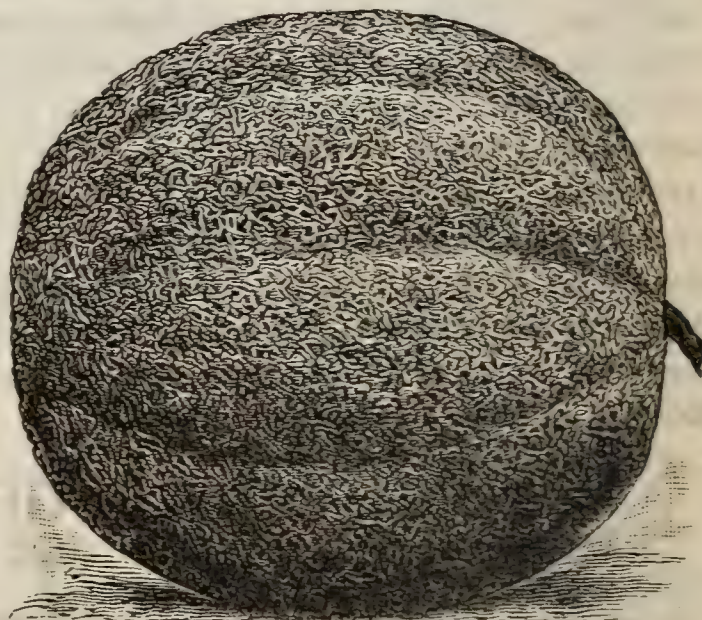
**JERSEY BELLE.** This is a desirable new *extra early* melon. It is heavily netted, wide-lobed, and flattened on the ends. The flesh is of a beautiful deep green and splendid quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



16½ LBS. MONTREAL NUTMEG MELON.

**MONTREAL GREEN NUTMEG.** The fruit is nearly round, flattened at the ends, deeply and very regularly ribbed; skin green, densely netted; flesh *remarkably thick*, light green, melting, and of a delicious flavor. They are very regular in shape, and uniformly grow to a very large size. To all who desire to raise the handsomest possible melons for exhibition, or extra large, fine melons for market, we highly recommend the *Montreal Improved Nutmeg*. The frequent reports of melons of mammoth size induced us to offer prizes for the largest specimens grown. The largest was raised by Mr. J. B. Dabney, of Savannah, Ga., and weighed 39½ lbs.; the second largest was raised by Mr. J. W. Scott, Socorro, New Mexico, weight 38½ lbs. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PERFECTION, or THE PRINCESS.** This fine melon is of the nutmeg shape and quite large size, weighing five to eight pounds each; the skin is of a dark-green color, heavily netted. It is very thick fleshed, with a remarkably small seed cavity; the flesh is of a salmon color, of very rich, sweet flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

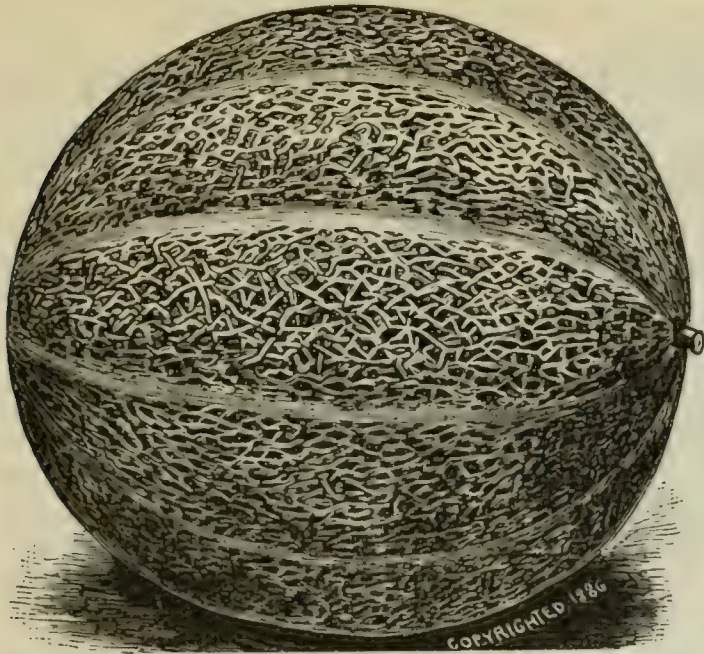


BECK'S NEW COLUMBUS MELON.

**BECK'S COLUMBUS.** Our illustration shows the correct form; it is almost entirely free from ribs or seams. The beautiful buff skin is covered with a very thick, whitish netting; the flesh is light green, very solid and thick. The melons never burst open at either end, hence they can be safely shipped long distances in barrels and boxes. Its attractive appearance insures ready sale on the market, while its good table qualities will sustain continued demand. The vines are strong and thrifty, and the melons, even if left on the vines a week after they are ripe and ready to pick, still retain their good quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 10 cts.; per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**NEW SUPERB.** This is a very showy and handsome *late* melon. It attains very large size and is noted for its thick, green flesh of sweet flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

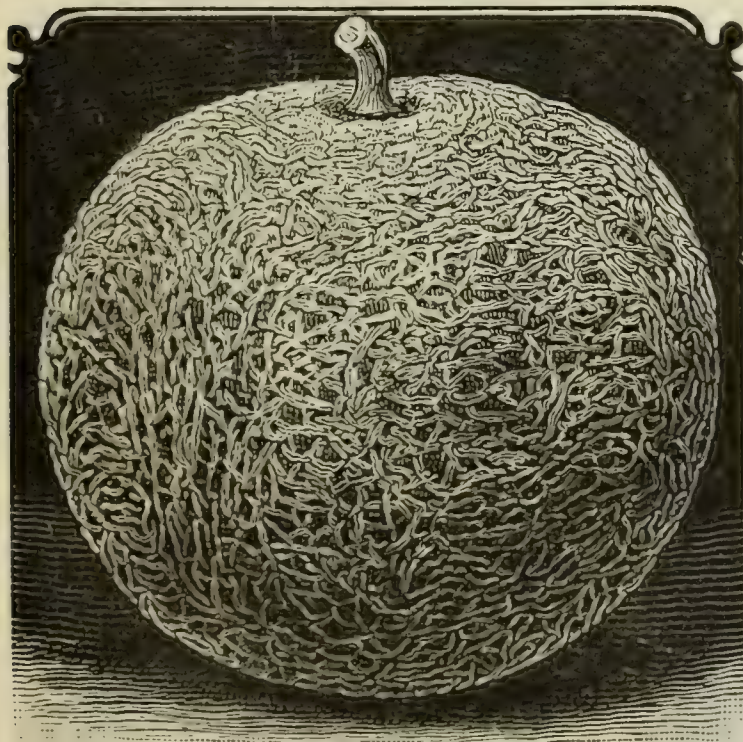




BURPEE'S CHAMPION MARKET MELON.

**BURPEE'S CHAMPION MARKET.** As shown in the illustration, the melons are almost a perfect globe in shape and densely netted—making "BURPEE'S CHAMPION MARKET" one of the handsomest cantaloupes known. The weight of this specimen was five pounds two ounces, which was the *average weight* of the crop—the melons all being *very uniform* in size and shape, ranging from four to five and a half pounds each. The flesh is thick, light green in color, and of rich, sweet flavor, well maintaining the promise of quality that is indicated by the deep ribs, heavy netting, and handsome outer appearance. The melons are of the same form and appearance as *Burpee's Netted Gem*, but are *three times the size*. It is *very productive*, frequently bearing seven perfect melons on a single vine, while on one vine we counted five melons set within a length of only thirty-two inches, and all very close to the hill. The melons mature nearly as early as *Burpee's Netted Gem*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**NEW GREEN-FLESHED OSAGE.** This distinct new Musk Melon is a sport from the well-known Osage, or Miller's Cream Melon, so popular in the markets of Chicago, from which it differs chiefly in the color of the flesh, which is a beautiful pea-green, of delicious flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



NEW SUPERIOR MUSK MELON.

**NEW SUPERIOR.** Almost perfectly round in shape, it is not ribbed, like most varieties, but is *completely covered with a heavy, dense netting*—making it an exceptionally handsome variety. Of vigorous growth, quite prolific, it matures early and the melons carry well to market. The flesh is thick, of a very attractive, light-green color, and of rich, sweet flavor. Altogether a *superior melon* for both the market and home garden. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

## BURPEE'S SEEDS GROW!

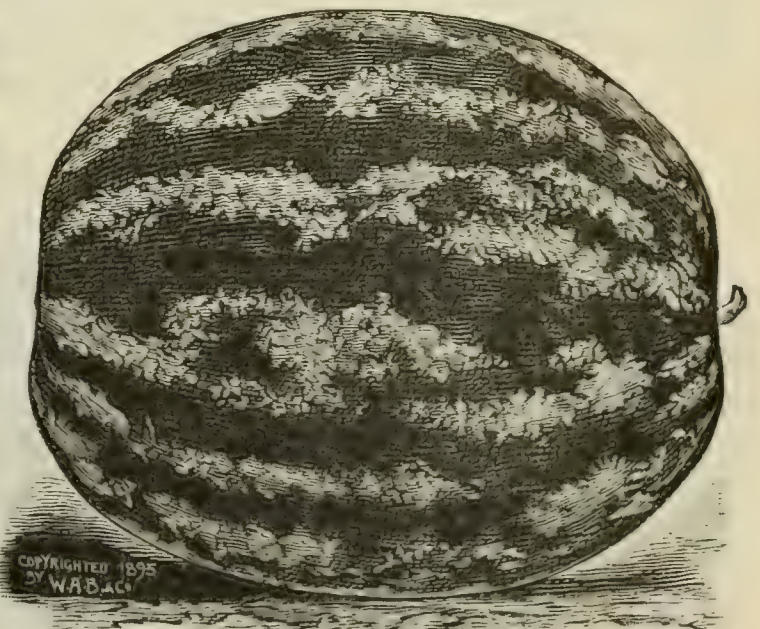
### Origin of this Well-known Phrase.

"It is fair to assume that you believe catch-phrases like 'Burpee's Seeds Grow' to be potential?"

#### A MISSTATEMENT CORRECTED.

"I do; and recently J. L. Stack & Co., in their bulletin, made the announcement that we had paid for the ownership of this phrase the sum of \$200. I immediately wrote to have this statement corrected, telling them that the phrase was first used in one of the advertisements competing for prizes we offered several years ago; that Mr. Wiley B. Jones, of Burlington, Vt., was awarded the second prize of \$25; but had I known how effective this phrase would prove, Mr. Jones would certainly have been awarded the first prize.

"A glance over the seed advertisements to-day will show how many of the seedsmen have tried to ring a change on this phrase, one going so far as to insert an ad., often immediately under our own, with the sensational headline, 'Weed Seeds Grow.' Mr. H. C. Brown, of *Art in Advertising*, several years since, criticised this catch-line with the remark, 'What does Mr. Burpee expect his seeds to do, sing and dance?' However, we have now generally added after the head-line, 'Burpee's Seeds Grow,' the additional statement, 'and are the best that grow.' You will notice that this expression is free from the vulgarity of such a statement as 'Burpee's seeds are the best,' simply stating that they are the best that grow, or, in other words, 'the best that the world produces.'"—*From an article in FAME, New York, April, 1895, entitled SEED ADVERTISING; AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH W. ATLEE BURPEE.*



NEW WATERMELON,—COLE'S EARLY.

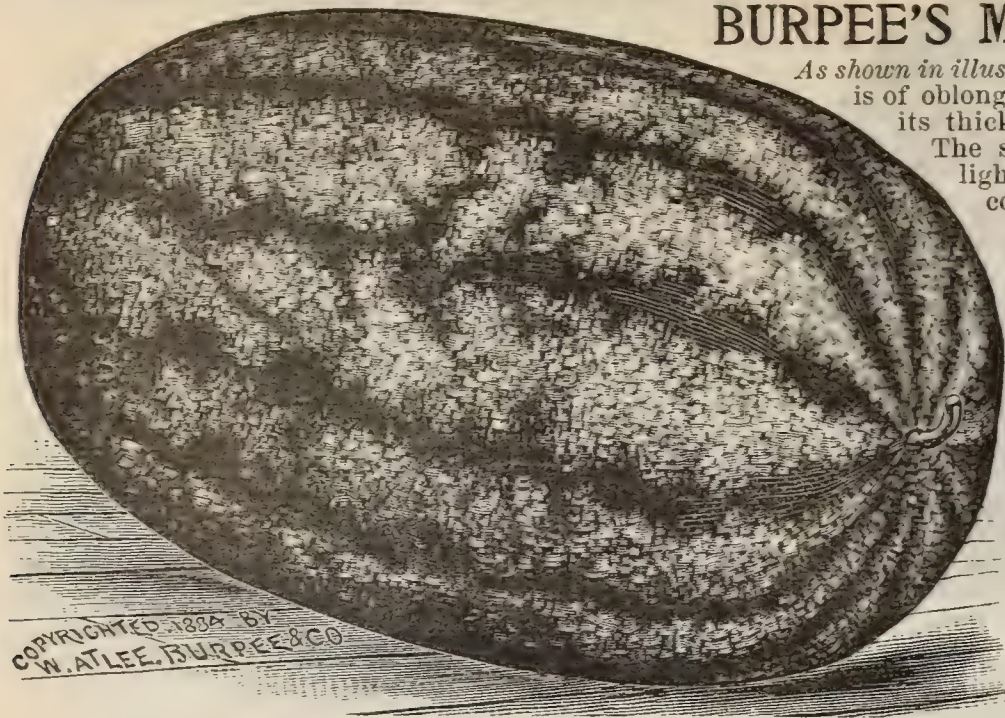
**WATERMELON,—COLE'S EARLY.** This is one of the finest *early* watermelons; of medium size, form and markings shown in the illustration, engraved from a photograph. It is so early that it matures in every State; very hardy; the flesh is deep red in color, clear to the rind, and is most sweet and delicate in flavor. It is exceedingly brittle, and hence cannot be shipped to distant markets, but is most desirable for the home garden. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.10.



# WATERMELONS.

Our prices include payment of postage by us. If seed is ordered by express, 8 cts. per pound may be deducted.

## BURPEE'S MAMMOTH IRONCLAD.



As shown in illustration herewith, this magnificent melon is of oblong shape, very thick through, and retains its thickness at both stem and blossom end. The skin is beautifully striped with very light green. The flesh is of a dainty red color, of rich, sugary flavor; the heart is very large. The flesh is always firm, remarkably solid. Under ordinary cultivation we have had hundreds of melons weighing from sixty to seventy pounds each, while in 1886 Mr. John G. Miller, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, won our prize of \$25.00 with a *Mammoth Ironclad* of one hundred and ten pounds weight, to which he took affidavit. While not producing so many melons to the acre as smaller varieties, they produce a greater weight. They are veritably *Ironclad*—cutting into one is just like cutting into a citron, and none carries better to distant markets. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



|   | Per oz. | ¼ lb.  | Per lb. |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Phinney's Early. A first-class, extra early; of medium size, . . . . .  | \$0 10  | \$0 20 | \$0 60  |
| Vick's Early. Extra early; oblong; skin varies in color, . . . . .      | 10      | 20     | 50      |
| Dark Icing, or Ice Rind. Of round form; sugary flavor, . . . . .        | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Duke Jones. A famous new Southern melon, introduced in 1895, . . . . .  | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| Florida Favorite. An oblong melon, of fine flavor, . . . . .            | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Girardeau's New Favorite. An improved Florida Favorite, . . . . .       | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Pride of Georgia. Round in shape; skin striped, . . . . .               | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Seminole. Similar to Jordan's Gray Monarch, . . . . .                   | 10      | 25     | 70      |
| Ice Cream, or Peerless. True white seeded; oblong, luscious, . . . . .  | 10      | 20     | 50      |
| Red-Seeded Vacluse. Of elongated egg-shape; superb quality, . . . . .   | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| Kolb's Gem. The great market melon; carries well, . . . . .             | 10      | 20     | 50      |
| The Boss. A fine, oblong melon; of small size, good flavor, . . . . .   | 10      | 20     | 50      |
| Kentucky Wonder. A popular market melon in the West, . . . . .          | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Striped Gypsy, or Georgia Rattlesnake. A large, oblong melon, . . . . . | 10      | 20     | 55      |
| The Jones. A great favorite in the South; rich flavor, . . . . .        | 10      | 25     | 70      |
| Ruby-Gold. Flesh yellow and red; not recommended, . . . . .             | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| Colorado Preserving. The best for citron preserves, . . . . .           | 10      | 25     | 70      |

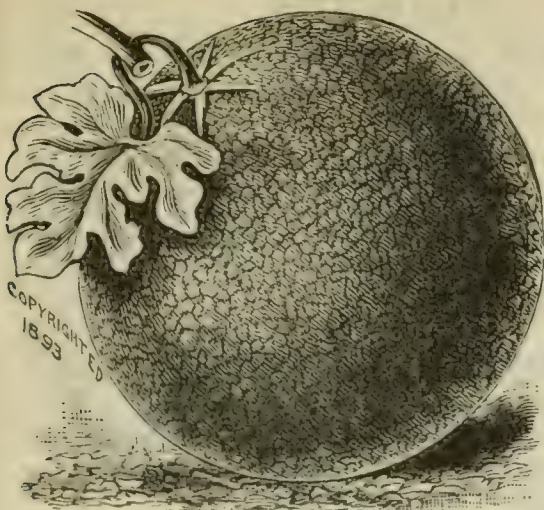
Each of the above Watermelons, 5 cents per packet.



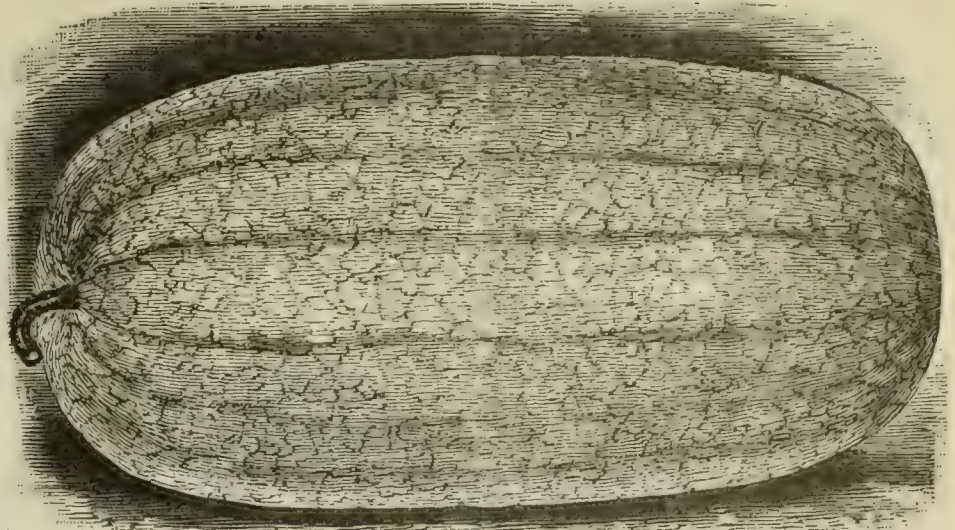
MR. PAYNTER FRAME, of Delaware, originator of the FORDHOOK EARLY, says:—  
“This new Melon has been grown side by side with all other early sorts, and has proven itself to be the *earliest of all*.”  
We have had early melons of good quality (notably *Burpee's Hungarian Honey* and *Phinney's Early*), but this is the *first extra early watermelon* of fine quality that is also of large size. From seed planted on the tenth day of May, large, ripe melons were picked the last week in July, thus demonstrating its inbred character of maturing extra early.  
As shown in the illustration, engraved from a photograph directly on the wood, the form is nearly round. The average weight of the melons, even during an exceptionally bad season, was *thirty-five pounds each*,—a size rarely attained by any other extra early melon under favorable conditions. The rind is tough, making it a valuable variety for shipping; the outer color is a uniform medium-green; the seeds are white; the flesh is bright red and very sweet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.40.







HUNGARIAN HONEY WATERMELON.

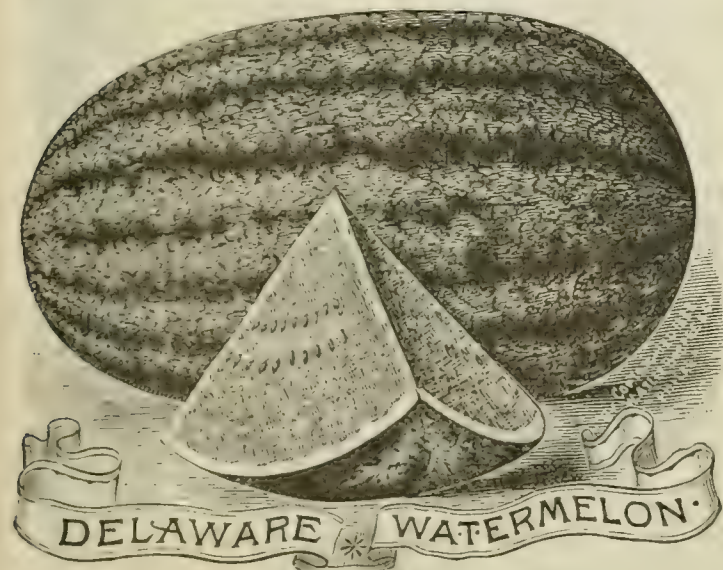
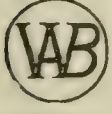


JORDAN'S GRAY MONARCH WATERMELON.

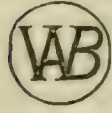
**BURPEE'S HUNGARIAN HONEY.** The melon from which the illustration was taken weighed eleven and one-half pounds, and measured twenty-eight and one-half inches in stem and blossom end circumference, being practically a perfect globe in shape. All the melons were as "alike as two peas"—making it remarkably "thoroughbred." The color of the skin is a handsome, medium dark green, with dim waterings of a darker green. The HUNGARIAN HONEY MELON is very appropriately so called, as it is SURPASSINGLY SWEET and LUSCIOUS, of a very rich honey flavor, richer and sweeter to the taste than any other watermelon. The melons ripen early; the vines are very productive. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.



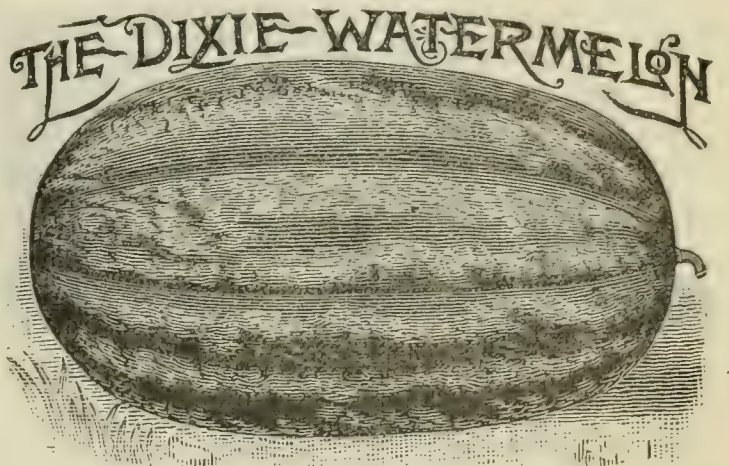
**BURPEE'S WHITE GEM.** Perfectly round in shape, weighing fifteen to twenty pounds each, of a beautiful cream-white color when ripe, only faintly striped. The skin is so tough that a melon fully ripe will support a man without even cracking the flesh—this notwithstanding that the rind is only a scant half-inch in thickness. In a cut melon the beautiful flesh seems almost to touch the skin. The flesh is a rich, bright pink, crisp, melting, very juicy, and deliciously sweet in flavor; fully as luscious as *The Hungarian Honey*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



**DELAWARE.** Of oblong shape, the melons are very thick through; the skin is beautifully striped, dark and light green. The flesh is a brilliant red, and ripens within one-half to three-fourths of an inch of the rind; very solid, luscious, and sugary, entirely free from strings, and of most excellent flavor. The rind, while thin, is extremely tough, making it one of the best melons yet introduced, both for shipping and keeping. The five cash prizes for the largest melons raised were awarded as follows: **First prize**, to EDWARD SMITH, Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska, who raised a *Delaware Melon* of the enormous weight of one hundred and twenty-nine pounds eleven ounces; **Second prize**, to BENJAMIN VAGES, Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas, for a melon weighing one hundred and eight pounds; while EDWARD DANIELS, Lowmansville, Lawrence County, Kentucky, won the **Third prize** with a melon weighing ninety-seven pounds. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

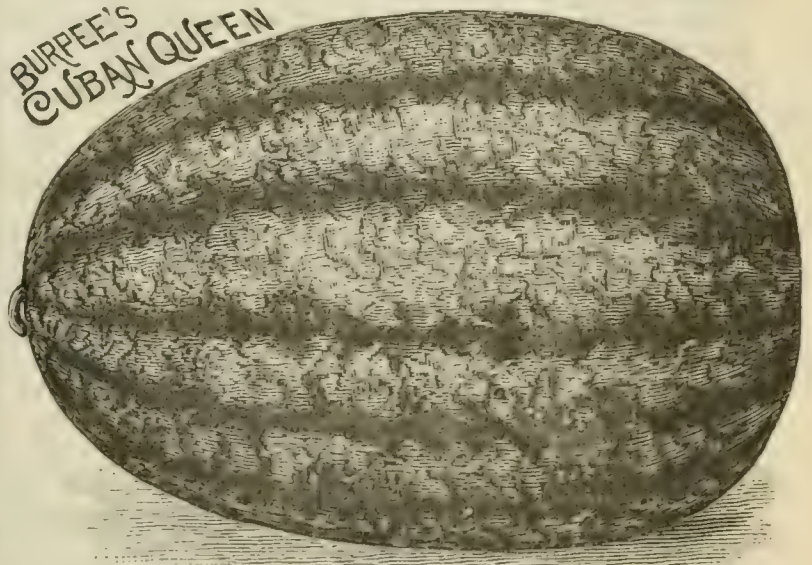


**JORDAN'S GRAY MONARCH, or LONG WHITE ICING.** The skin is of an attractive, mottled, very light green color, so light as to nearly warrant the name white or gray. The flesh is deep red in color and of very fine quality—fully equal to the old *Icing*. In size, this new variety is much larger than the old, specimens having been raised to weigh sixty to seventy pounds each. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 70 cts.



**DIXIE.** This Watermelon possesses the rich, luscious flavor of the old Mountain Sweet united with the excellent shipping character of the Kolb's Gem. The form is considerably longer than the Kolb's Gem, while the skin is a darker green in color and beautifully striped; the flesh is of an intense, deep, bright scarlet, very sweet, tender, and juicy. It is a heavy setter of fruit, being strong and vigorous in growth, with the valuable characteristic of rooting at almost every joint, thereby increasing the duration of the vines. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

BURPEE'S  
CUBAN QUEEN

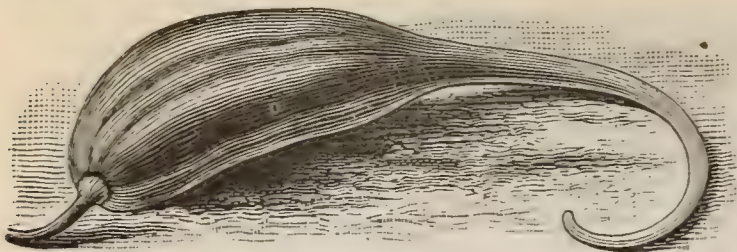


111 LBS. CUBAN QUEEN WATERMELON.

**BURPEE'S CUBAN QUEEN.** The skin is beautifully striped, dark and light green. The flesh is bright red, remarkably firm, luscious, and sugary. They are wonderfully solid and their rind is unusually thin, being scarcely more than half an inch thick on a melon of enormous size. In 1883 John G. Miller, of Georgia, raised three Cuban Queens, weighing, respectively, 81 lbs., 97 lbs., and 111 lbs. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.







A SEED-POD OF MARTYNIA

## MARTYNIA.

The MARTYNIA, or UNICORN PLANT, is quite ornamental in growth, quickly forming large bushes and bearing handsome Gloxinia-like flowers. When young and tender (test by pinching with the nail) the seed-pods make excellent pickles, and as they are produced in great abundance, three or four plants will suffice for an ordinary garden. As it is a broad-spreading plant, they should stand several feet apart. Sow in May or June.

**Martynia proboscidea.** The best variety for pickles. It is well worth growing, as the large plants with their handsome flowers and unique pods attract great attention; the young, tender seed-pods make delicious pickles. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.00; per lb \$3.00.



MUSHROOM-BED ON MANURE AND LIGHT LOAM.

## MUSHROOMS.

The comparative ease with which a crop of Mushrooms can be grown in an ordinary house cellar, wood-shed, or barn, and the astonishing success of so many who have taken up this new industry, both for profit and their own use, induces us to offer directions for

### Culture and Cooking Free.

With each order for the celebrated ENGLISH MUSHROOM SPAWN we include, **free**, a neat booklet giving careful directions for growing; also MRS. RORER's recipes for preparing and cooking mushrooms, reprinted from "HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES."

We recommend the ENGLISH MUSHROOM SPAWN as generally the better both for the market gardener and private planter, but would caution all who intend to grow for market *to go slow at first*, as there is much that can only be learned by experience.

## English Mushroom Spawn.

It comes in bricks, of about one and a quarter pounds each; these, before planting, are usually divided into a dozen parts and the pieces inserted in the bed eight to ten inches apart each way.

Price per single brick 25 cts., or 5 lbs. for \$1.00, post-paid. By express or freight, 10 lbs. \$1.25; 25 lbs. \$2.75; 50 lbs. \$5.00; 100 lbs. \$9.00. Special price will be quoted on lots of more than one hundred pounds.

A seedsman may travel all over the world, inspecting the various crops for which he has contracted, but he cannot know that he actually receives the products of the fields he has inspected unless after arrival their trueness to type is proved in his trial grounds. It is only by such tests that he can insure against inferior stocks or wrong varieties. Mistakes are by no means always to be attributed to intention to deceive, as they often result from ignorance or carelessness.—*Extract from THE SEEDSMAN'S TRIAL GROUNDS, read by W. ATLEE BURPEE, Chicago, 1893, which is published in full in SELECTION IN SEED GROWING, advertised on page 7.*

**WE KNOW SEEDS** by means of THE FORDHOOK TRIAL GROUNDS. We sell only seeds known to be good—and really desirable,—the best kinds and the best of their kind.

## Mustard.

**Black, or Brown.** Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; lb 40 cts.

**White.** Better for salad or culinary purposes. Per pkt. 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts.

**NEW CHINESE (Southern Giant Curled).** Highly esteemed for salads, particularly in the South. The leaves are twice the size of the ordinary White Mustard, flavor sweet and pungent. The seed is brown, and the plants produce huge bunches, often two feet high. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

## NASTURTIUM, or Indian Cress.

**Tall Mixed.** Useful and ornamental; flowers of various colors. The green seed-pods are pickled in vinegar. The flowers are used for garnishing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

## OKRA, or Gumbo.

This vegetable is too little grown, as its green pods impart a fine flavor and consistency to soups and stews, besides being very palatable when stewed and served as is a dish of asparagus; the pods can also be dried for winter. It is universally used throughout the South, and is as easily raised as a weed in the North. So delicious is the flavor that when once used it will be grown every year, in Northern as well as Southern gardens.

For full information how to make the best soups, of which Okra is so important a constituent, every housekeeper should read our book, "HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES."

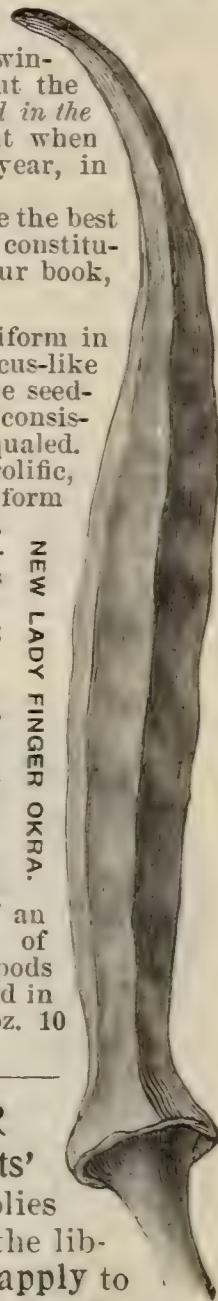
**LADY FINGER.** The plants are uniform in growth, and with their large, Hibiscus-like flowers make a pretty sight, while the seed-pods, produced in abundance, give a consistency and flavor to soup that is unequalled. The variety which we offer is quite prolific, producing long, slender pods of the form shown in the illustration herewith. The pods grow much larger than represented, but if they are used at this size are particularly tender and choice. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

### DWARF PROLIFIC, or DENSITY.

A very fine new variety—*much dwarfier* than the ordinary dwarf Okra, and *much more productive*; short, thick pods. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**WHITE VELVET OKRA.** It is very distinct in appearance, and the pods are perfectly round, smooth, and of an attractive white velvet appearance; of superior flavor and tenderness. The pods are of extra large size and are produced in great abundance. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

NEW LADY FINGER OKRA.

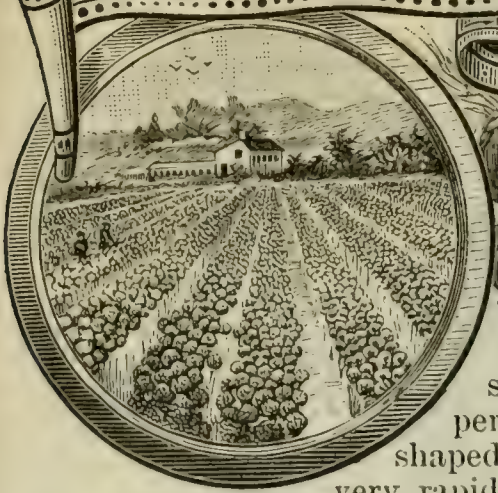


## PLEASE REMEMBER

that while the selection of 25 cents' worth extra for each \$1.00 applies **ONLY** to seeds in packets, **YET** the liberal premiums on pages 6 to 11 apply to all orders, of whatever nature. You should carefully read pages 6 and 7 now.



# BURPEE'S BEST ONION SEED



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**GOOD ONION SEED is of the utmost importance.** Fully realizing this, we have for some years made **A SPECIALTY OF ONION SEED**, and have all our crops raised under special contract, subject to careful supervision. Our Onion Seed is *all grown from choice, selected bulbs*, critically examined before being set out for seed. In quality it is vastly superior to much that is put upon the market, often grown by persons either too inexperienced or too careless to select fine, well-shaped bulbs. In vitality it is *very strong*, being *carefully tested*. The very rapid increase in our Onion Seed trade, particularly among market gardeners, many of whom order from twenty-five to one hundred pounds of seed, is the very best evidence that our Onion Seed is **UNEXCELLED IN QUALITY**.

Our New Crop Onion Seed of 1895 is **VERY HEAVY** and of *first class germinating power*. Onions have sold well the past season, and good seed will be in large demand; we have placed our prices as low as possible for **best quality seed**. We are sure that no reliable seedsmen can sell Onion Seed of equally as good quality for less money. In comparing the prices quoted, please bear in mind that **WE PAY THE POSTAGE**, and that if the seed is ordered by *Express or Freight*, at the expense of purchaser, **ten cents per lb. may be deducted**.

**MARKET GARDENERS and ONION GROWERS WHO USE LARGE QUANTITIES OF ONION SEED will please write for WHOLESALE PRICES.**

Gardeners in the South, as well as in the Eastern, Middle, and Western States, can grow *full-sized Onions the first year from the black seed*; for this purpose four to five pounds of seed per acre are required. To raise small sets, fifty or sixty pounds of seed per acre are required, and for this purpose the best varieties are the Yellow Strasburg, Yellow Danvers, Extra Early Red, and White Silverskin. **THE CHEAPEST AND BEST METHOD**, however, is to grow the full-sized Onions the first year directly from the seed; for this purpose seed of any of the varieties named on the following pages will be found reliable, the local markets being consulted.

**GOOD SEED versus "CHEAP."** In the **FARM ANNUAL FOR 1895**, after alluding to the short supply of first-class American seed, we said: "For some years we have not had such a shortage of Onion Seed, and it behooves planters generally to have a care of whom they purchase, as we are credibly informed that many tons of seed are now being imported from Europe to meet the demand. Trials at **FORDHOOK FARM** have shown that *foreign-grown seed of AMERICAN ONIONS is not trustworthy*. Sometimes in a favorable season it may bottom well, but again the same seed will run almost all to 'stiff-necks' and scallions. Buy only of responsible seedsmen whom you know you can rely upon for really **first-class AMERICAN-GROWN SEED**."

For our own planting we would prefer to pay double the price for **Selected American-Grown ONION SEED**, and under no circumstances have we ever sold the foreign-grown seed as American,—**but** it now so largely enters into competition—*often falsely masquerading as home-grown seed*—that we have decided again to offer—

**FRENCH-GROWN Seed of AMERICAN ONIONS**, *at a fair price, for just what it is, the best seed grown in FRANCE, from American Stocks.* Consequently we have imported from the most reliable growers a supply which we offer of **YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS** at **60 cts. per lb.**, **RED WETHERSFIELD** at **75 cts. per lb.**, and **LARGE WHITE GLOBE** at **\$1.25 per lb.**,—by express or freight. If ordered to be sent by mail the postage will cost 8 cents per lb. additional. This seed is sold for **just what it is,—the Best imported**,—and is sold on close margin, solely at the risk of the purchaser, without our usual warrant as given on second page cover. We would, however, prefer to risk a portion of our crop with this seed than to use some of the cheap California seed, "picked up" from Chinamen, **BUT, the BEST Seed is "cheap enough" this season.**

**GOOD ONION SEED is Low Priced this year**, as will be seen by comparison of our prices with those of last year. We gladly give our customers *full advantage* of the larger yield of the crops harvested in 1895, and at **the special low prices for the BEST SEED**, which we are able now to quote, anticipate a greatly increased demand.

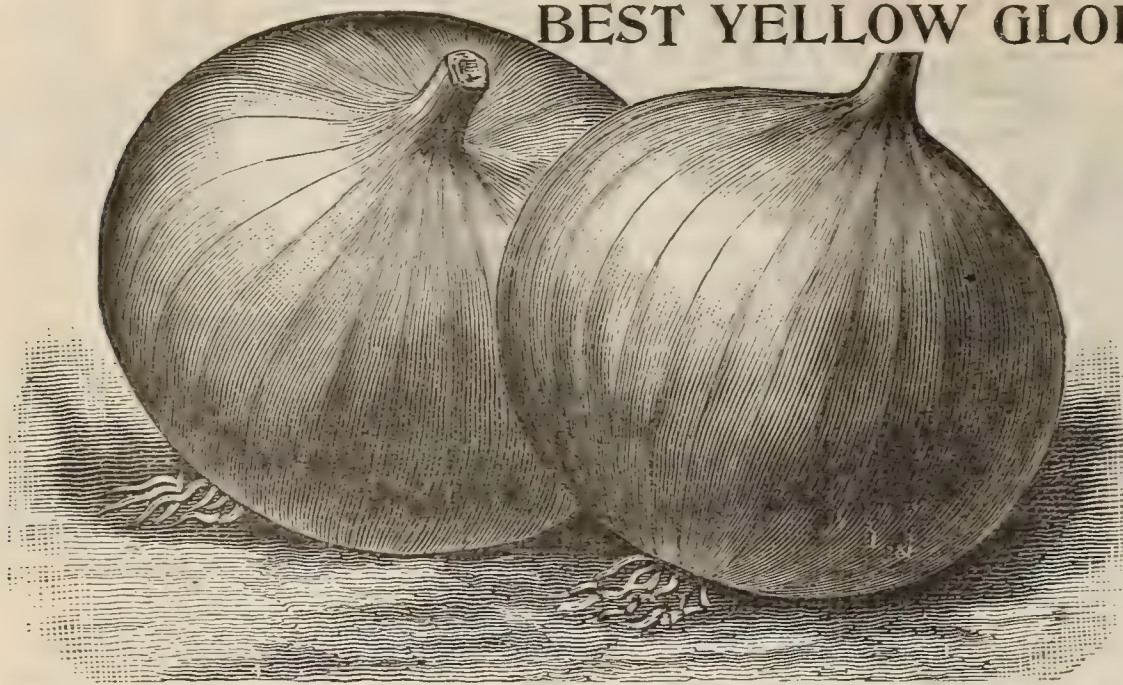
Our crops, all cleaned and warehoused in Philadelphia and at Fordhook, weigh nearly **twelve thousand pounds more of American Onion Seed** than last year, so we have made most **noteworthy reductions in prices for FIRST-CLASS SEED**.

## AMERICAN ROUND YELLOW DANVERS ONION.

Reliability for bottoming and large yield are both combined in this popular variety. It is extensively grown for market, and frequently produces six hundred bushels per acre from seed sown in the spring. The genuine Danvers is a very handsome, round onion, thick through, of good size, with thin, yellow skin; flesh white, fine grained, firm, and mild. It ripens early, keeps well, and sells readily. **Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; 2 ozs. 15 cts.; ¼ lb. 25 cts.; per lb. 90 cts., by mail, postpaid.** By express: **80 cts. per lb.**; when 5 lbs. of this or other onion seeds are ordered at one time, we sell the **Round Yellow Danvers** at **75 cts. per lb.**

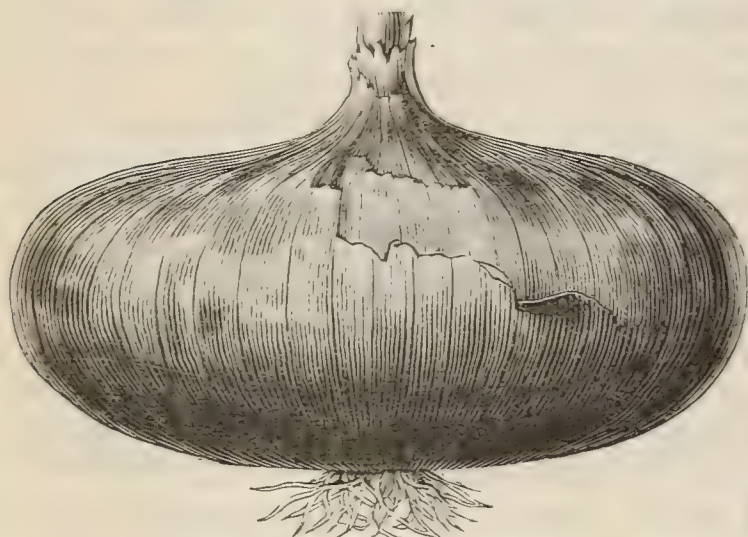


## BEST YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS.



This strain has been most carefully selected, the flatter onions being thrown out. The name "GLOBE" in this connection must be taken comparatively, as the *True Danvers Onion* is never so perfectly globe-shaped as the *Southport Yellow Globe*; all the perfectly globe-shaped varieties are later in maturing. We cannot too strongly recommend our seed of this variety; from careful trials we know it is **unsurpassed**.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30 cts.; per lb. \$1.00, postpaid. By express, 90 cts. per lb. When 5 lbs., or more, of onion seed are ordered (not less than one pound of a variety), price 85 cts. per lb.



EXTRA EARLY RED ONION.

**EXTRA EARLY RED.** This variety matures very early. It yields abundantly and is of mild flavor; of medium size, deep red in color; very close grained, solid, and heavy. This will often form bulbs in cold and mucky soils where other varieties fail. It is highly recommended, particularly for the North and Northwest. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40 cts.; per lb. \$1.25, postpaid.



STRASBURG, OR YELLOW DUTCH ONION.

**YELLOW STRASBURG, or DUTCH.** One of the oldest varieties; bulbs quite flat, of good size; skin yellow, of darker color than the Danvers; flesh white, of mild flavor; keeps well. This is the variety that is used for growing Philadelphia Yellow Onion Sets. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30 cts.; per lb. \$1.00, postpaid. By express, 90 cts. per lb.



**LARGE RED WETHERSFIELD.** Of large size and fine form; skin deep purplish-red; flesh purplish-white; moderately fine grained and stronger in flavor than the yellow or white onions. Very productive and an excellent keeper. Immense crops of this onion are grown for shipment, and it is one of the very best sorts. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40 cts.; per lb. \$1.20, postpaid. By express: \$1.10 per lb. In lots of 5 lbs., or more, at \$1.00 per lb.



SILVERSKIN, OR WHITE PORTUGAL ONION.

**WHITE SILVERSKIN, or WHITE PORTUGAL.** Very desirable for family use; flavor mild and pleasant; skin silvery white; of handsome appearance; highly esteemed for pickling when young, also for market in early winter. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cts.; per lb. \$2.10, postpaid. By express: \$2.00 per lb.; 5 lbs., or more, at \$1.90 per lb.





## THE PRIZE-TAKER ONION.

The AMERICAN-GROWN PRIZE-TAKER ONION grows uniform in shape, of a nearly perfect globe, as shown in the illustration, with thin skin of bright straw color; it is of immense size, measuring from twelve to eighteen inches in circumference, while under special cultivation specimen bulbs have been raised to weigh from four to five and a half pounds each. It ripens up hard and fine, and presents the handsomest possible appearance; the flesh is pure white, fine grained, mild and delicate in flavor.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 30 cts.; per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 50 cts.; per lb. \$1.75, postpaid. By express, not prepaid, per lb. \$1.65; 5 lbs. or more at \$1.50 per lb.

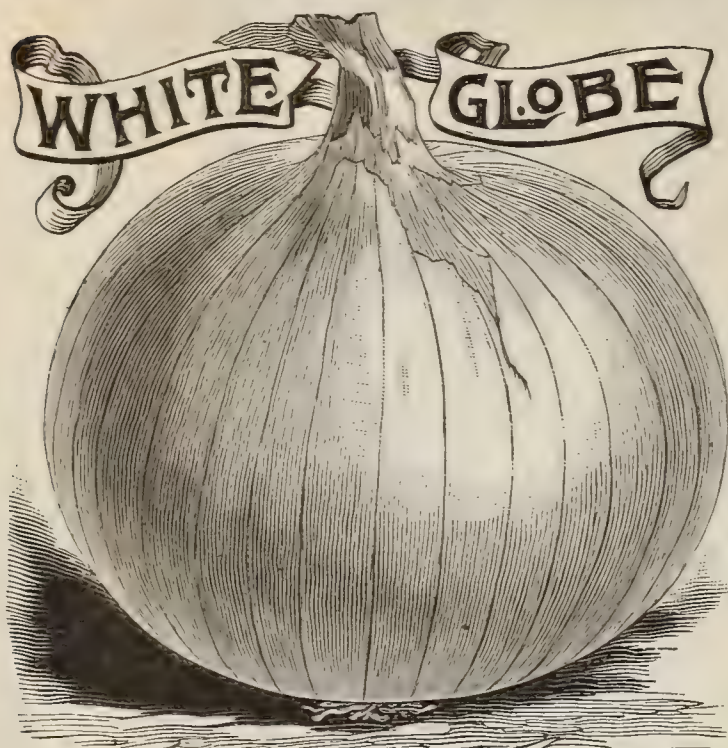
## THE PRIZE-TAKERS OF 1895.

In order to have thorough comparative tests of the PRIZE-TAKER and new GIBRALTAR ONIONS we offered last year a series of 21 prizes amounting to \$260.00 for the best specimens of each variety. The competition, as will be seen from the awards, was widely conducted and the PRIZE-TAKER retained first place for size, the largest specimen weighing 5½ pounds, exactly one pound more than the heaviest *Gibraltar*. (See page 28.)

The *First Prize* of \$35.00 was awarded to MR. W. J. PARKER, Woodland, N. C., for a fine globular onion weighing **5½ POUNDS, or 88 ounces**. The *Second Prize* of \$20.00 to W. A. SHARPBACK, Alma, Neb., weight **50 ounces**. *Third Prize* of \$15.00 to MR. ABEL STEELE, Ferguson, Ontario, Canada, weight **44 ounces**. *Fourth Prize* of \$10.00 to MRS. JESSIE W. THORNTON, Oak Creek, Oregon, weight **40½ ounces**. Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Prizes, respectively, of \$5.00 each, to JOSEPH BECK, New Bridge, Oregon, weight 40 ounces; MRS. L. A. LEWIS, Cozad, Neb., weight 32 ounces; ROBT. STIBBARD, Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, weight 32 ounces; GEO. B. HUSTON, Arroyo Grande, Cal., weight 29 ounces; MRS. A. J. HATHAWAY, Montalvo, Cal., weight 28 ounces, and MR. G. M. CHAFFIN, Phillipston, Mass., weight 26 ounces. The prize specimens, exhibited at our office side by side with the *New Gigantic Gibraltar Onions*, called forth the highest commendation.



## BEST HOME-GROWN SEED OF AMERICAN ONIONS—Continued.



LARGE WHITE GLOBE ONION.

**WHITE GLOBE ONION.** A large, globe-shaped onion; firm, fine grained, of mild flavor; keeps well. This is one of the handsomest onions grown, of beautiful shape, clear, white skin, and commands the highest market price. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cts.; per lb. \$2.10, postpaid.

**PHILADELPHIA SILVERSKIN, for growing White Sets.** This is practically the same variety as the *White Portugal*, but having for many years been grown in the vicinity of Philadelphia, especially for sets, is now particularly desirable for that purpose. It is known in New England as *Philadelphia White*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cts.; per lb. \$2.10, postpaid. By express: \$2.00 per lb.



SOUTHPORT LARGE RED GLOBE ONION.

**LARGE RED GLOBE.** This is a very handsome variety, and is deserving of general cultivation. It matures quite early (none of the perfectly globe-shaped onions are as early as the flat varieties), grows to a large size; skin deep red; flesh fine grained, mild, and tender. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40 cts.; per lb. \$1.20, postpaid, by mail.

**SOUTHPORT LARGE YELLOW GLOBE.** Like the well-known White Globe Onion, except in color of skin. This is more perfectly globe-shaped than the Globe Danvers, but not so early; an excellent keeper. A heavy cropper, handsome in appearance, and of large size. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40 cts.; per lb. \$1.20, postpaid, by mail.



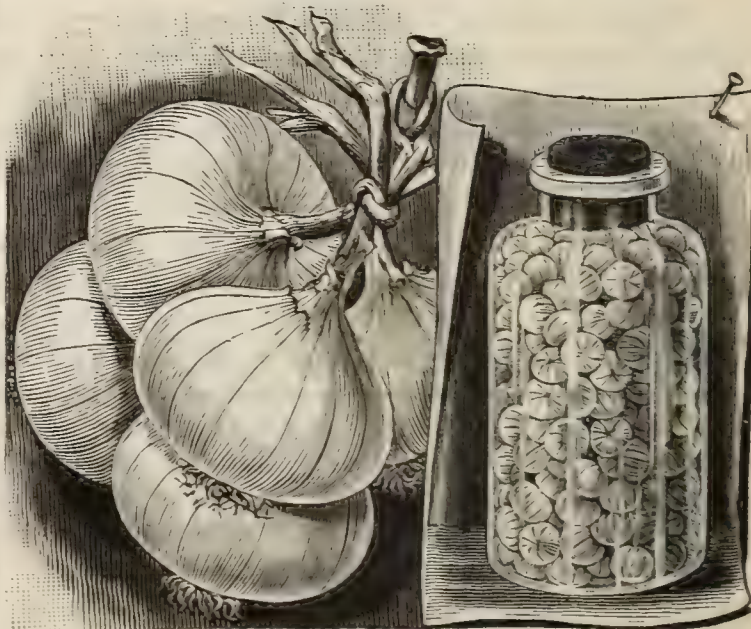
EXTRA EARLY WHITE PEARL ONION.

**EXTRA EARLY WHITE PEARL ONION (Bloomsdale Pearl).** Originally this was an early Italian variety (*Silver White Etna*), but it has now become so acclimated that it may properly be classed under the head of "AMERICAN ONIONS." Of early, quick growth, it is fine for market in summer and autumn. The bulbs are round, flattened, with a delicate, pure white skin; flesh very mild and pleasant in flavor. Highly esteemed by the gardeners around Philadelphia and in the Southern Atlantic States. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cts.; per lb. \$2.10, postpaid.

## ITALIAN ONIONS.

These Onions succeed admirably in every section of the United States, and we can recommend them for summer and autumn use. For some years past large quantities of Italian Onions have been raised from imported seed by truckers in the South. They command large prices in the Philadelphia and New York markets, where they sell as Bermuda and Spanish Onions. It is a fact that these Onions can be grown with equal success North, South, East, and West, as has been fully demonstrated.

All the Italian Onions are of very sweet, delicate flavor, much milder than our American Onions. They all grow rapidly from seed. Of great value for family gardens. While much money has been made out of these Italian Onions, grown for market, particularly in the South, yet, as they are not generally good keepers, we would advise the novice to experiment on a small scale at first, and confine his main market crop to the American Onions. The Italian Onions, however, generally command ready sale at good prices during the summer and autumn.



NEW ADRIATIC EXTRA EARLY BARLETTA.

**NEW EXTRA EARLY BARLETTA ONION (Early Radish).** This distinct new variety is the very earliest *Onion in cultivation*. At maturity the tops die down directly to the bulb, leaving the neatest, handsome little bulbs imaginable. They are of a pure paper-white color, very mild and delicate in flavor, from one inch to one and a half inches in diameter, and three-fourths of an inch in thickness. Its extreme earliness and fine quality make it a favorite in every garden. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 65 cts.; per lb \$2.25.





## MAMMOTH VICTORIA ONIONS.

We now offer exclusively the Best American-Grown Seed.

### WHITE VICTORIA ONION.

As shown in the illustration, this is a very handsome globular onion; skin silver-white, flesh juicy, sweet, and milky-white. It delights in frequent hoeings of the soil, and watering in dry weather. MR. T. GREINER, the well-known horticultural writer, in his book, *NEW ONION CULTURE*, on pages 29 and 30, writes as follows:—



"For the white sort, however, I prefer the new WHITE VICTORIA to any other I am acquainted with. MR. A. I. ROOT writes me as follows: 'A handsomer onion [than the Prize-Taker], though not quite so large, is the WHITE VICTORIA. It has, during the past spring and summer, made a host of friends in our vicinity, and it was really enjoyable to take a lot of these white beauties into almost any crowd, and see them stare and wonder to behold such large, handsome, white onions, long before anybody thought of it being time for onions of such size.' PROF. GREEN also writes me that he considers the WHITE VICTORIA superior to any other white sort tested at the station grounds. So, if you adhere to the old Onion culture, plant the WHITE GLOBE; but if you are wise and adopt the new, plant quite largely of WHITE VICTORIA."

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60 cts.; per lb. \$2.00, postpaid.

### RED VICTORIA ONION.

Of handsome globe shape, sometimes weighing from two and a half to four and a half pounds each, under good cultivation, the first year from seed. Skin very dark, *almost blood-red* in color; flesh white or very light rose-colored; flavor very mild and sweet. It grows best in loamy, heavy soil, which may even be stony and must be well worked. If properly cultivated, this variety, uniformly large in size, produces an enormous crop.



Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 50 cts.; per lb. \$1.50, postpaid.

### CAUTION.

We would call particular attention to the fact that the seed offered by us again this season, of both RED and WHITE VICTORIA ONIONS, is all American grown and true to name. Since first introducing these Onions, prior to 1894, we imported the seed direct from the original growers in Southern Italy (whose gardens we have several times visited), but we regret (as announced last year) that the seed sent to us in the autumn of 1893 was not true to name. Therefore we were forced to discontinue the sale of imported seed, and now offer exclusively American-Grown seed. Unfortunately, the Italians do not seem to realize the importance of purity in seeds, but we had confidence that we could rely upon the original growers maintaining, by careful selection, the true type of these Victoria Onions.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.

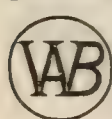
**\$100.00**

For the Largest Onions raised this season, of either Victoria, Gigantic Gibraltar, or Prize-Taker. A circular with full particulars will be sent with the order for seed, if asked for.



## BURPEE'S MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.

The Mammoth Silver King Onion, *named and introduced by us in 1884*, grows to a most remarkable size. The bulbs are of attractive form, flattened, but thick through. The average diameter of the onions is from 5 to 7½ inches—thus making the circumference from 15 to 22 inches. Single bulbs often attain weights of from 2½ to 4 pounds each. The skin is a beautiful silvery white; the flesh is snowy white and of a *particularly mild and pleasant flavor*. So sweet and tender is the flesh that it can be eaten



raw, like an apple. For several years we offered cash prizes for the largest Silver King onions grown from our seed. In 1886 Alfred Rose, Penn Yan, N. Y., won the first prize with two onions of the enormous weight of 4¾ lbs. and 4 lbs. 2 ozs. In 1889 the first prize was awarded to Edward Smith, Benkleman, Nebraska, for an onion weighing 4 lbs. 11 ozs., while an onion of 4 lbs. 4 ozs. weight captured the second prize for Abel Steele, Ferguson, Ontario. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 40 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; lb \$2.50.

### Mammoth Pompeii Onion.

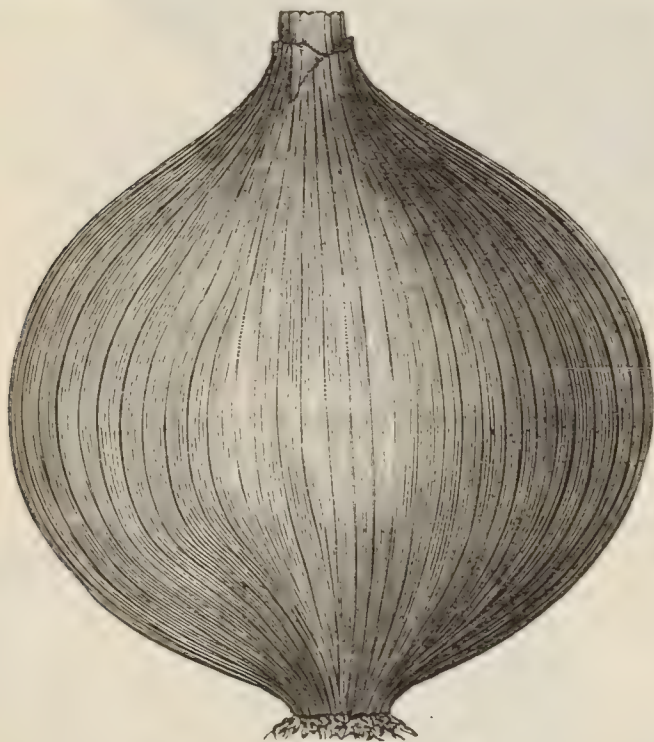
In 1887 our first prize was won by Mr. I. B. Taylor, Ellensburg, Washington, with an onion weighing 4 lbs. 9 ozs., while an onion 4 lbs. 8 ozs. in weight



secured the second prize for J. V. H. Young, Arroyo Grande, California. The skin is thin and of a handsome, reddish-brown color; the flesh is pure white, fine grained, and mild. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00, postpaid.



BURPEE'S MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.



GIANT RED ROCCA ONION.

**GIANT ROCCA, OF NAPLES.** A well-known variety, of very mild, delicate flavor, immense size, handsome, globular shape, and light, reddish-brown skin. It is valuable both for autumn and spring sowing. In this immediate vicinity *Giant Rocca Onions* have been grown to weigh one and a half to one and three-quarter pounds each, from our seed sown in the spring. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.40.

**GIANT YELLOW ROCCA, or SPANISH KING.** Of all the magnificent Italian Onions now in cultivation, none are more popular than the *Giant Rocca*. This variety is of the same fine quality, and grows equally as large as the *Red Rocca*, which it resembles, except that the skin is of a beautiful bright-yellow color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

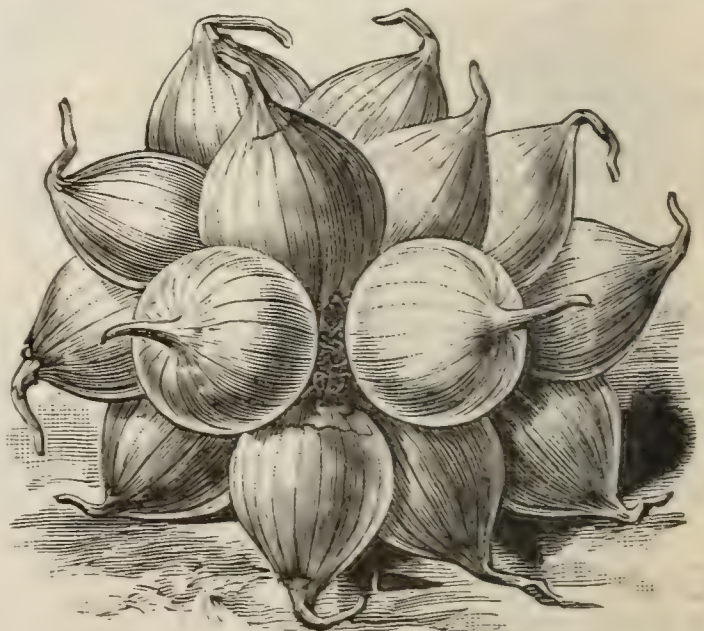
**SILVER BALL, or GIANT WHITE ROCCA.** This splendid Italian Onion is one of the handsomest varieties in cultivation; it sells readily on market. It is a very distinct variety, globular in shape, with a beautiful silvery skin; flesh pure white. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.

**EARLIEST WHITE QUEEN.** The bulbs are small, flat, pure white, and of excellent flavor. Sown in February, they will produce onions one or two inches in diameter early in summer. Sown in July, they will be ready late in autumn. Excellent for pickling. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**NEAPOLITAN MAGGIAJOLA, or Italian May Onion.** A large, beautiful, silvery-white-skinned variety, of handsome, flat shape, of fine flavor and quality. In May and June this onion has almost a monopoly of the markets in Italian towns. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**GIANT WHITE ITALIAN TRIPOLI (El Paso, or Large Mexican).** Of large size and most beautiful form, with fine, white skin. The first season from the black seed it will grow an onion of from one to one and a half pounds; but to attain the full size the bulbs should be set out the following spring. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**Red Mammoth Tripoli, or Bermuda Red.** In shape and size like the Giant White Tripoli. Skin thin and of a rich blood-red color; flesh white, fine grained. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.40.



WHITE MULTIPLIER ONION SETS.

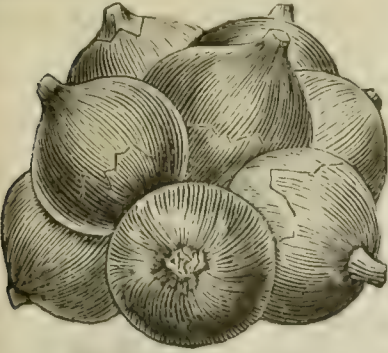
For description,—see the following page.

✂ All ONION SEED by express or freight, purchaser to pay transportation charges upon receipt, is sold at ten cents per pound less than prices quoted above, which are for the seed by mail, postpaid. For five pounds, or more, whether all of one kind or assorted as desired (not less than one pound of a kind) you should write for Special Prices, stating varieties and quantities desired.



## ONION SETS AND BULBS.

By far the cheapest method of growing Onions is from the black seed. The expense in raising from sets is much greater, but still many persons annually want sets, and we grow from our own seed the choicest White and Yellow Onion Sets. We frequently have calls for Red Wethersfield Onion Sets, and for sets of Italian Onions. These we cannot supply, as we only use White Silverskin, Yellow Danvers, and Yellow Dutch Seed to grow sets. The Red Wethersfield Onion, while producing large bulbs from seed, does not produce good small sets, and the Italian Onions grow most rapidly from the seed. The Potato,



POTATO ONIONS.

Egyptian, and Multiplier Onions do not produce seed. The prices quoted below are by mail, postpaid, and we can sell cheaper by the peck or bushel. See page 101.

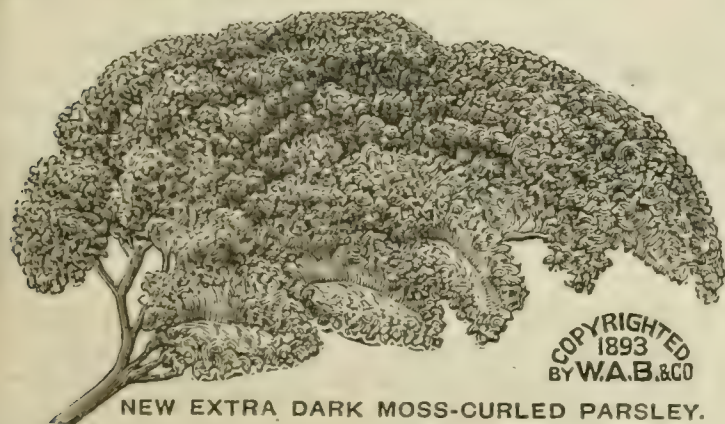
**YELLOW ONION SETS.** Pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.  
**WHITE ONION SETS.** Pint 25 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**POTATO ONION.** Valuable for an early crop. The small bulbs increase in size and the parent bulb produces a quantity of small bulbs in a cluster; of mild, sweet flavor. Pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**EGYPTIAN, or PERENNIAL TREE ONION.** This is an entirely distinct type of Onion. When once set out, without having the slightest winter protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and will grow very rapidly. The bottoms divide, making several irregular-shaped onions, which are sweet and tender. The young sets grow on top of the stalks, like Tree Onions, and can be planted in the fall. Pint 30 cts.; quart 55 cts., postpaid.

## WHITE MULTIPLIER ONION SETS.

This valuable variety is enormously productive, frequently producing as many as twenty bulbs in a cluster from a single bulb planted. The color is pure, silvery white. The quality is excellent and the size just right for bunching green; while if ripened for use as pickling onions it can be grown very economically. When ripened, their keeping qualities are remarkable, having been known to keep perfectly sound for one year. Perhaps their most profitable quality is extreme earliness, being ready for market three or four weeks ahead of any other Onion Sets. It is aptly said of them that "the grass and weeds cannot grow fast enough to cover them." The largest of the sets, if allowed to grow through the summer, make an onion of fair size, which divides when ripening. Per pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.



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NEW EXTRA DARK MOSS-CURLED PARSLEY.

## Extra Dark Moss-Curved Parsley.

This very distinct and ornamental strain must not be confounded with the old Champion Moss-Curved Parsley. When its beauty and the tender delicacy of its flavor are known it will undoubtedly become an extremely popular variety. It is very handsome and ornamental in growth, far more so than many plants which are grown in our flower gardens for decorative purposes.

The leaves, beautifully curled or crimped, as shown in the excellent illustration, are of a peculiar, extra dark-green color. It is very productive, and from the densely curled character of its leaves a quantity for green seasoning or garnishing can be gathered in much less time than with the more open-leaved varieties.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

## PARSLEY.



EXTRA CURLED DWARF PARSLEY.

## EXTRA CURLED DWARF, or Emerald Parsley.

See illustration. This is a most beautiful and valuable variety. The moss-like leaves, of a handsome bright-green color, are finely crimped and curled. For garnishing, no variety is more attractive. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 85 cts.

**Plain, or Single.** Plain leaves, excellent flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Fine Double Curled.** Fine, dwarf, crimped leaves. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**FERN-LEAVED.** This is a greatly improved type of this useful class of herb. It is most exquisite in form and color—invaluable as a garnishing plant, and suited for mixing with dwarf ornamental-foilage plants in the flower garden, and also for table decoration. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Turnip-Rooted, or Hamburg.** The edible portion is the fleshy root, which resembles a small parsnip, and is highly esteemed for flavoring soups, stews, etc. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

## PARSNIPS.

Our prices include cost of postage; if ordered by express or freight, deduct 8 cts. per pound from prices quoted.

Parsnips are well known as a delicious table vegetable, but their value for the purpose of feeding cows and cattle is but little appreciated. The parsnip is rich in saccharine food, which adds greatly to the richness of the milk when fed to cows, while the fresh, succulent roots increase the flow of milk as greatly as does the use of fresh green food in the spring. The parsnip is especially valuable for the purpose from its extreme hardness, as the roots can be left in the ground all winter and improve in quality by the continued freezing.

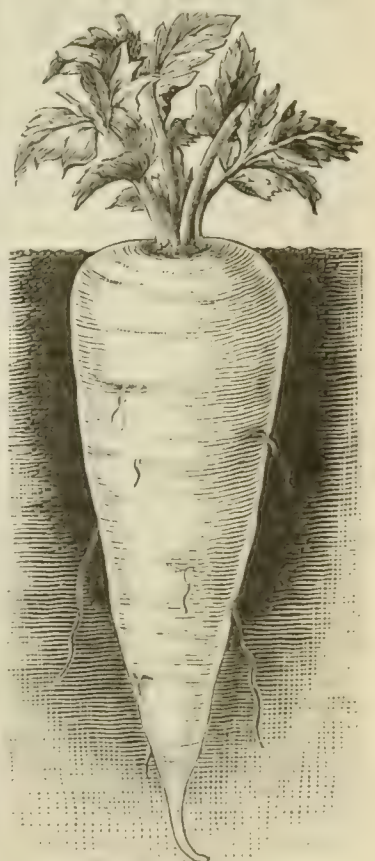
## IMPROVED GUERNSEY (Improved Half Long).

A greatly improved and wonderfully fine strain of Guernsey Parsnip, of which our customers are unanimous in praising the fine quality. The roots do not grow so long as the Hollow Crown, but are of greater diameter and more easily gathered. It is a very heavy cropper. The roots are very smooth, the flesh is fine-grained and of most excellent quality. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

## LONG SMOOTH, or HOLLOW CROWN (Abbott's Improved Long Sugar, or Long White Dutch Parsnip).

A great cropper, tender, sugary, and considered the best for general cultivation. Parsnips are improved by remaining exposed to frost. Per pkt 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**Early Short Round French.** The earliest, of good quality, small size. Valuable for bunching with pot-herbs. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.



IMPROVED GUERNSEY PARSNIP.



# BURPEE'S NORTHERN GROWN SEED PEAS

Our Seed Peas are of the *very best* quality obtainable, being all grown far North (on the borders of Lake Ontario), riddled and hand picked. They are raised from the best selected stocks, and the crops are carefully "*rogued*," being subjected to the most critical and constant inspection. **The prices here quoted are for the Peas, by mail, postpaid.**

FOR PRICES BY THE PECK OR BUSHEL, see BULK PRICE LIST, page 101.



## "BURPEE'S BEST" EXTRA EARLY.

Prior to introducing this strain in 1889 we distributed among Pea growers in the spring of 1888 about three thousand packages of these Peas, for careful comparative trials, with the result that all, so far as heard from, unite in pronouncing **BURPEE'S BEST** the *very earliest, most uniform, and Best of all Extra Early Peas*. The sample reports published herewith render any additional words of praise entirely unnecessary.

Per package 15 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., by mail, postpaid. By freight or express: Per quart 30 cts.; 2 quarts 50 cts.; 4 quarts 75 cts.; peck \$1.25; per bush. \$4.50.

### BURPEE'S BEST.—The Earliest of All.

W. F. ROBINSON, Oberlin, Ohio, October 15, 1888, writes:—I found **Burpee's Best Extra Early Peas** to be excellent, *ten days earlier than Philadelphia Extra Early*. It is a good bearer, and just the Pea for market gardeners to raise for profit and earliness.

J. MILTON BERGER, Jamaica, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1892, writes:—It is not necessary for me to comment on your seeds after sending you another order, still I will say that I find your **Best Extra Early Peas** to be the earliest of all that I planted.

R. L. LANG, Chesterfield, Md., writes:—**Burpee's Best** are the finest Early Peas I have ever raised.

GEO. A. BRICKEN, Lebanon, Ky., writes:—**Burpee's Best Extra Early** is the earliest Pea ever offered in this country. They will never be beaten for earliness. Just think of peas fit for the table in *37 days from planting*.

### BURPEE'S BEST,—34 Days from Seed to Table.

C. M. SLADE, New York, N. Y., July 16, 1892, writes:—I hand you herewith several pods of **Burpee's Best Extra Early Pea**, planted June 11th and picked July 15th, just 34 days. While 34 days is rapid work "from seed to table," the true test for the "**Best**" Extra Early Pea is its ability to stand cold, and grow and produce abundantly in the early part of the season, and in this respect **Burpee's Best Extra Early** *exceeds all others*. My first planting this spring was April 8th.

### THE BEST PEAS in Twenty Years' Experience.

C. G. ADDISON, Springfield, Md., June 29, 1893, writes:—I am more than pleased with **Burpee's Best Early** and **Burpee's Profusion Peas**; after twenty years' experience I shall now confine myself entirely to these two varieties, as it is useless to seek further for anything nearly as good.

For the Best NEW PEAS, see pages 29 and 30.



# PEAS—Extra Early Varieties.

Those marked with a (\*) are wrinkled varieties.

**BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY.** Next to "Burpee's Best," this excels in *extra earliness, productivity, and freedom from runners.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.

**IMPROVED DAN. O'ROURKE (Philadelphia Extra Early).** A very good strain of extra earlies, fully equal to *The Rural New Yorker Pea.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**LAXTON'S EARLIEST OF ALL (Alaska).** The peas are *blue*, and consequently of richer flavor, while they ripen as early. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

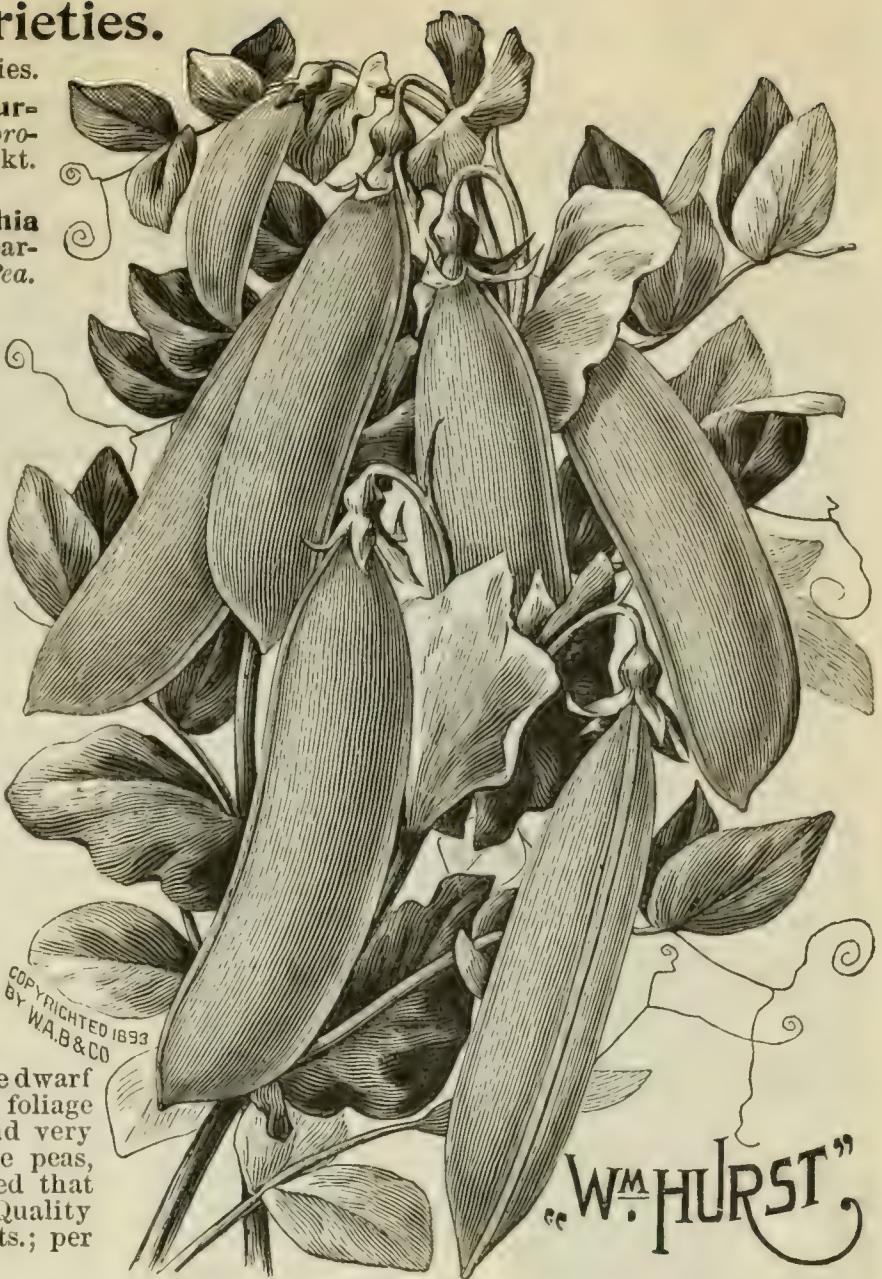
**Tom Thumb.** A very dwarf-growing, extra early Pea. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 50 cts.

**\*AMERICAN WONDER.** This distinct and fine-flavored variety grows only eight to ten inches high, and is *extremely early.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts.

**\*McLEAN'S LITTLE GEM.** *Truly a gem! Productive, wrinkled, and of delicious flavor.* Matures in fifty-four days; no sticks required. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**\*EXTRA EARLY PREMIUM GEM.** A very fine Dwarf Pea, of the Little Gem type, on which it is an improvement; larger pods and more productive. *Highly recommended.* Taken all-in-all, this is probably the best and most profitable Early Wrinkled Pea for market gardeners, while for family gardens there is none better. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.

**\*NEW PEAS,—WILLIAM HURST.** The peas were ready for the table June 28th, as early as the *American Wonder*, while the vines were *much more productive*, and it comes very near to being a "one-picking variety." Of handsome dwarf growth, the vines are eight to ten inches high, foliage of dark-green color, haulms close jointed, and very prolific. The pods are well filled with large peas, each containing six to eight, so closely packed that the peas are flattened against each other. Quality the *very best*; most delicious. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts.



## PEAS for General Crop.

For Peas in Bulk, see Price List, page 101.

**\*HEROINE.** This is a medium Early Wrinkled Pea of robust growth, uniformly about two and a half feet high; fine for the home garden. It produces abundantly long, pointed, well-filled pods, which contain from eight to nine large peas of exquisite flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**\*SHROPSHIRE HERO.** A very handsome Wrinkled Pea, uniformly growing about two and a half feet high; second early; it is very prolific, with long, square, well-filled pods. It is a fine acquisition; well adapted for market gardeners; the large, richly flavored peas will also make it a decided favorite in family gardens. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**\*CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.** Undoubtedly one of the best Peas grown, and very popular. It is very productive, and the peas are of a delicious flavor; height four to five feet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**\*BLISS'S EVER-BEARING.** Height of vine, two feet; pods three to four inches long; peas very large; quality very fine. Its growth is of a branching character, forming as many as ten stalks from a single root stalk. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts., postpaid.

**\*BLISS'S ABUNDANCE.** Plant eighteen inches high; foliage large, thick, and dark green. Pods three to three and a half inches long, roundish, and well filled, containing six to eight large wrinkled peas. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**\*STRATAGEM.** The strong, sturdy haulm is literally covered with immense pods, many of the pods measuring nearly five and a half inches in length, and containing as high as ten large, fine-flavored wrinkled peas. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 30 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid.

**\*TELEPHONE.** Of excellent, sugary flavor; vines very strong; the pods are of large size, with six or seven, large, delicious peas; height four feet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**\*LAXTON'S EVOLUTION PEA.** The vines are of strong, sturdy growth, three to three and a half feet high, of a decidedly branching character, and *bear continuously* an abundant crop of magnificent large pods, each containing *eight to twelve* wrinkled peas, of remarkable size and very rich and sugary flavor. It has been appropriately termed "**The Everlasting Bearer**," as from a single sowing it continues to bear as long as three months. Per large pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 30 cts.; per quart 50 cts., postpaid.

**\*YORKSHIRE HERO.** Long, round pods, closely filled with large, luscious, wrinkled peas; very productive. Well worthy of general cultivation; of similar type to the well-known *Champion of England*; in many sections it is a better and more productive Pea. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 40 cts.

**PRIDE OF THE MARKET.** This famous Pea grows from eighteen inches to two feet high, and bears grand pods, well filled with large and finely-flavored peas from top to bottom of the haulm. Its robust constitution, enormous productivity, and superior appearance insure its acceptance as a market favorite. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**DWARF BLUE IMPERIAL.** A good summer pea; prolific and of fine flavor; height two and a half feet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; quart 35 cts.

**ROYAL DWARF WHITE MARROWFAT.** The best white marrowfat pea. Per quart 30 cts., postpaid.

**Black-Eyed Marrowfat.** Hardy; productive; used for field culture. Per quart 30 cts., by mail.

**DWARF SUGAR.** *Gray-seeded.* Edible pods, and can be used in a green state like string beans; two feet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts.

**TALL SUGAR.** Similar to preceding, but taller in growth and more productive. Per quart 50 cts.

**MAMMOTH MELTING SUGAR.** This new variety is far superior to all others of the edible-podded class of garden Peas, not only in size of pod, but also in delicious quality. It grows to a height of five to six feet, and is wonderfully prolific. The pods are straight, smooth, and so brittle that they snap; without any string, and of the most delicious flavor. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; per pint 35 cts., postpaid.



NOTE. These pods of BURPEE'S QUANTITY PEA were originally drawn and engraved from nature.

## BURPEE'S Quantity Pea.

Immensely productive, **BURPEE'S QUANTITY** produces more pods to the vine (more bushels of pods to a given area), and more shelled peas to a bushel of pods, than any other variety, excepting only our new Pea, **BURPEE'S PROFUSION**. The vine grows two and three quarters feet in height, and is of the most remarkable branching character, as many as six main branches or haulms starting directly from the root at the surface of the ground; of very stout growth, the foliage is a healthy green, and the vines are crowded with pods, generally borne in pairs. Under ordinary field culture they averaged fifty pods each, while we have counted as many as ninety pods on a single vine. The pods are three inches long, and contain seven to nine large peas, so closely crowded together that they are flattened on the sides; the quality is very good.



The illustration herewith is exactly natural size, and it will be seen that these compact, well-filled, handsome pods, borne in such wonderful abundance, are much more profitable to grow and will sell much better on market than the long, windy pods, sparingly produced, of certain new English varieties lately introduced. Planted May 2d, the peas were ready for eating July 5th, and continued long in bearing. In *Quality* very fine, while in *Quantity* **Burpee's Quantity Pea** far outyields all the older main crop varieties. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

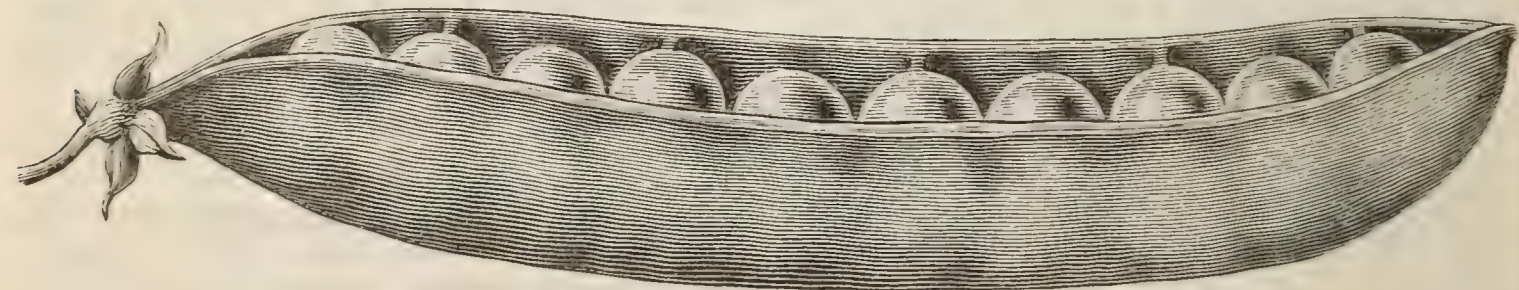
## QUALITY PEA.

Planted May 2d, the peas were ready June 28th, about a week earlier than *Burpee's Quantity*. The plants average two and a half feet high, of robust growth, with fine, dark-green foliage, branching from the first three to five nodes above the surface of the ground. Each plant bears from forty to seventy-five pods. The pods are produced in pairs, are three inches long, and contain six to eight peas each. While not so immensely productive as *Burpee's Quantity*, nevertheless in our trial grounds **BURPEE'S QUALITY** outyielded such popular sorts as *Bliss's Everbearing*, *American Champion*, and *Telephone*, while its quality is unequalled. The peas are of very fine flavor, being peculiarly sweet and sugary. All who have tested its superb quality on the table pronounce it the sweetest and most exquisite in flavor of all peas.



Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

BURPEE'S QUANTITY PEA.



A POD OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY PEA. Engraved from Nature, Natural Size.

## New Pea,—DUKE OF ALBANY.

Prior to recommending this new Pea in 1893, we had previously distributed six thousand packets for trial, upon each of which were printed the following remarks:—

Our attention was first called to the **Duke of Albany Pea** growing in Germany, where it was remarkably hardy and vigorous in constitution, producing pods of good size, well filled with luscious, large peas. It was of hardy, vigorous growth, and was a remarkable cropper. We think it will prove a valuable main-crop Pea,—more prolific than the *Champion of England*, and at least equal in flavor.

So far as heard from, the **Duke of Albany Pea** has in every case given excellent satisfaction, and we could publish many testimonials from our customers as to its decided merits.

Price per 2-oz. pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 25 cts.; per quart 45 cts., postpaid.



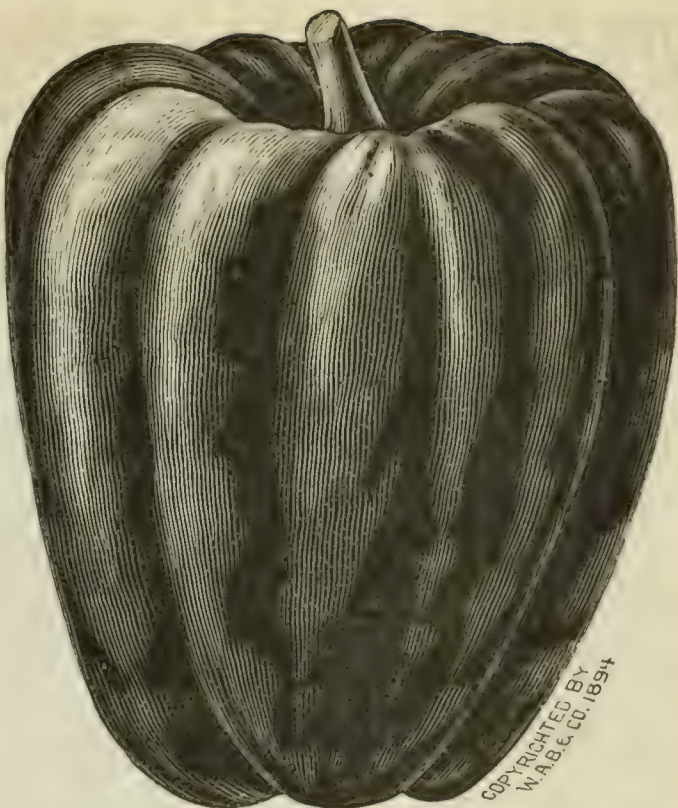
PEPPERS.

The hot, pungent flavor of a pepper is in inverse ratio to its size, the small peppers being the hottest, while the large varieties are quite mild in flavor. Every vegetable garden should have several varieties, while some are sufficiently beautiful to include in the flower garden.

**BURPEE'S RUBY KING.** It is twelve years since we first introduced this magnificent variety, and so steadily has it gained in popular favor that it is now recognized as the best and most profitable mild red pepper for market or family use. The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruits, of a bright ruby-red color. The peppers ordinarily grow four and a half to six inches long by three and a half to four and a quarter inches through. Added to their beautiful color, when ripe, is the great desideratum that they are *remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste*; in this respect unequaled by any other Red Pepper. We cannot too strongly recommend the Ruby King—so mild and pleasant is their flavor that they can even be sliced and eaten with pepper and vinegar (like tomatoes or cucumbers), and make a very pleasant salad; excellent for stuffing or for pepper-hash. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 45 cts.; 1/4 lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



**GOLDEN KING.** GOLDEN KING was first found in 1886 in a crop of RUBY KING. The beautiful, healthy plants bear large, handsome fruits, of a most attractive, bright golden-yellow, which shine out of the rich, dark-green foliage. The flavor is unsurpassed by any, exquisitely mild and pleasant. Read about *Ruby King*, change the color of Ruby King to bright golden-yellow, and you have the GOLDEN KING. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; 1/4 lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.



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RUBY KING PEPPER. One-fourth Natural Size.

|   | Per oz. | 1/4 lb. | Per lb. |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Improved Large Bell, or Bull-Nose. Large, mild; glossy-red, . . . . .           | \$0 25  | \$0 75  | \$2 25  |
| Sweet Mountain, or Mammoth. Very similar to Bull-Nose, . . . . .                | 25      | 75      | 2 25    |
| Spanish Monstrous. Very large, thick-fleshed; red; mild, . . . . .              | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Long Red Cayenne. The true Cayenne; hot and pungent, . . . . .                  | 25      | 75      | 2 25    |
| True Red Chili. Small, bright-red peppers; very hot, . . . . .                  | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Dwarf Early Red Squash. Thick-fleshed; early; of mild flavor, . . . . .         | 25      | 75      | 2 25    |
| Golden Dawn. Golden-yellow peppers; mild and sweet, . . . . .                   | 25      | 75      | 2 25    |
| Celestial. Small fruits; creamy-yellow; scarlet when ripe, . . . . .            | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Kaleidoscope. Of changing colors,—cream, yellow, rose, and scarlet, . . . . .   | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Cardinal. Long, sweet, thick-fleshed; bright red, . . . . .                     | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Golden Queen. Very large, mild peppers; of rich golden-yellow, . . . . .        | 25      | 75      | 2 50    |
| Procopp's Giant. Long, thick-fleshed scarlet peppers of mammoth size, . . . . . | 35      | 1 00    |         |
| Fancy Scarlet Wrinkled. Small peppers; Turk's-cap shaped, . . . . .             | 35      | 1 00    |         |
| Fancy Orange Wrinkled. Of rich, deep orange; clear, sharp flavor, . . . . .     | 35      | 1 00    |         |
| New Fancy Wrinkled, Mixed. Of three bright colors; very beautiful, . . . . .    | 35      | 1 00    |         |

Each of the above 5 cts. per pkt., except the last four, which are 10 cts. per pkt.

BURPEE'S GOLDEN UPRIGHT PEPPER.

First introduced in 1887, this was the forerunner of an entirely distinct and novel type. The peppers grow upright on stiff stems. The small illustration of one of the stout, bushy plants shows this peculiar character. The fruits are large and handsome, fully double the size of Golden Dawn, and of a beautiful, rich golden-yellow, tinged with bluish-red where exposed to the sun. The peppers are as mild and pleasant to the taste as *Ruby King*, even the seeds being free from all fiery flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.; 1/4 lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.



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NEW FANCY WRINKLED PEPPERS.



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BURPEE'S GOLDEN UPRIGHT PEPPER.



## RED ETNA, PEPPER



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**RED ETNA.** Extremely ornamental in growth, the rich, dark scarlet of the ripe fruits contrasting with the lively light-green foliage. The peppers are always borne erect and are conical in shape, becoming "squared" on the top as they mature. The peppers are of sweet, mild flavor, and convenient size, about three inches long by one and a half inches thick. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



**BLACK NUBIAN.** This unique novelty is unlike any other known variety. The peppers are of a deep blue-black, appearing nearly coal-black, while the stalks of the plants are also black, bearing deep-purple flowers. The handsome, bushy plants when in flower and fruitage, bearing the numerous peppers upright on stiff stems, are indeed a novel sight, and attract universal attention. The peppers are never green, but from the time they are first formed until full size are always of the same intensely deep coal-black color, and afterward, as they ripen, turn to a rich maroon. So novel a plant attracts universal attention; the peppers are superior for pickling; when ripe, sharp and pungent. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.



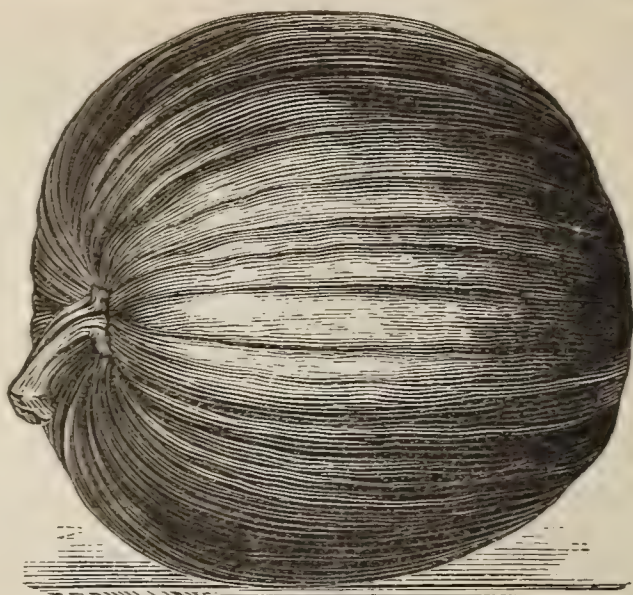
RED CLUSTER PEPPER.

**RED CLUSTER.** The plants are so ornamental as to deserve a prominent position in the flower garden. The small, thin peppers, of a most conspicuous coral-red color, are curiously crowded together in bunches at the top of each branch. A single plant will bear hundreds of the handsome little peppers, which are very hot and pungent in flavor. One of our customers, Miss Carrie McRaeny, Florence, Ark., sent us one plant upon which we counted twelve hundred and fifty-five peppers. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.00; per lb \$3.50.

**CORAL GEM BOUQUET.** Hundreds of the small, bright-red peppers are so thickly set on the dwarf plants as to give each plant the appearance of a "Bouquet of Corals." The peppers are intensely hot and piquant. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 50 cts.

## PUMPKIN.

Our prices are for seed postpaid. If ordered by express, deduct 8 cts. per pound from prices quoted.



GOLDEN MARROW PUMPKIN.

**NEW GOLDEN MARROW.** One of the best yellow pie pumpkins. They are round-oblond in shape, and very slightly ribbed; the skin of a rich, golden-orange color, very beautiful; flesh of extra fine flavor; cooks soft and tender. It is a splendid keeper. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**SMALL SUGAR.** This is very handsome and prolific, of small size, the pumpkins averaging about ten inches in diameter; the skin is a deep orange-yellow. It is fine-grained, sweet, and an excellent keeper. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Cushaw, or Crookneck.** Very productive and of good size; color light cream, sometimes slightly striped. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 70 cts.

**LARGE CHEESE (Kentucky Field).** Shape flat, like a cheese; hardy and productive. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Large Common Field.** The common large yellow field pumpkin for growing in corn fields; good for stock. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 40 cts.

**CALHOUN.** Handsome, of medium size, and extraordinary weight and solidity. It is enormously productive, and excels in quality as a pumpkin for pies. The outside skin is of a dark cream color; within, the flesh is a deep salmon-yellow—fine-grained and remarkably thick, the seed cavity being very small. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**TENNESSEE SWEET POTATO.** Of medium size, pear-shaped, color creamy-white, lightly striped with green; flesh thick, creamy-white, fine-grained, dry, brittle, and of excellent flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**JONATHAN.** A large, bottle-shaped variety, with a crookneck. Very prolific, an excellent keeper, and fine, sweet flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**BANANA PUMPKIN.** Also called *Custard Squash*. The average size is eighteen inches in length by seven to eight inches in thickness. The flesh is of a light straw color, fine-grained and of particularly choice quality for pies. Of extra good quality for autumn. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.40.

**JAPANESE.** Extremely small seed cavity—all the balance being solid meat throughout, which is of extra fine quality. The seeds are distinct in appearance, being curiously sculptured in the manner of Chinese letters. Very productive, ripens early, of medium size, good keepers, and weigh fifteen to twenty pounds each. As to their quality, one enthusiastic grower says:—"No other pumpkin can vie with the JAPANESE for their excellent qualities and exceedingly fine flavor when cooked. The flesh is a rich salmon color, unusually fine-grained, and when cooked or stewed is almost as dry and mealy as a sweet potato. For making pies, custards, etc., they certainly have no equal. Containing but little water, they can easily be cut and dried, like dried apples, and make excellent pies or sauce for winter use. We will venture to say that pies made from the Japanese Pumpkin, without eggs, are fully as good as pies made from any other variety when eggs are used." Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



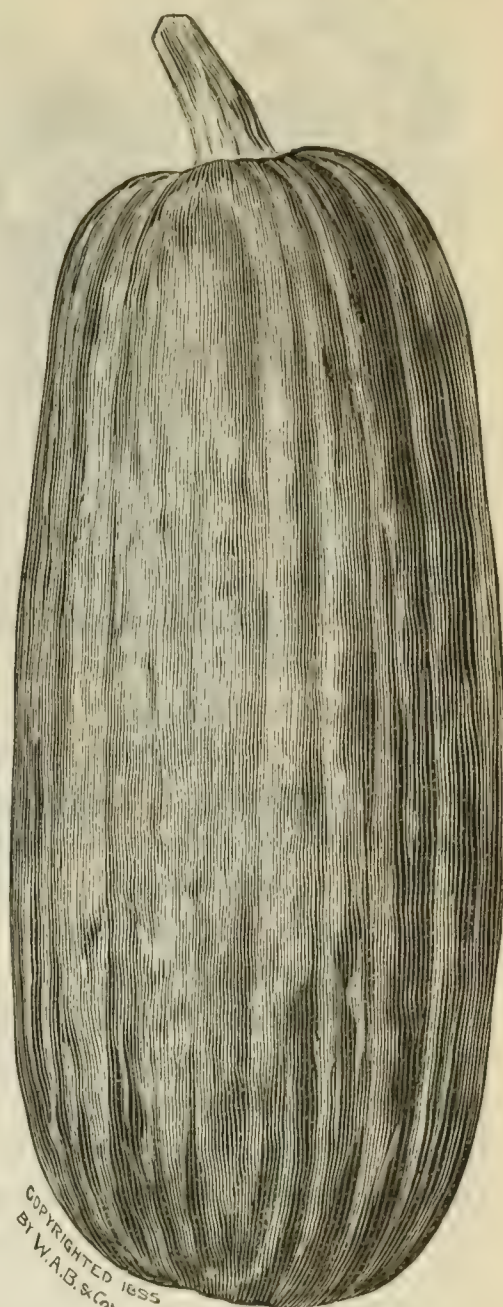


BURPEE'S QUAKER PIE PUMPKIN.

### BURPEE'S QUAKER PIE PUMPKIN.

This very distinct and valuable variety hails from Washington County, N. Y. It is of a peculiar shape, being unlike any other; it is oval and tapers toward each end. It is of a creamy color both inside and out. The vines are very hardy and prolific. It is early and keeps late. Its chief value is for "Pumpkin Pies." Being *fine-grained* and *rich-flavored*, it makes a superior quality of pies. Stored in a warm, dry place, the pumpkins can be preserved until late in winter.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.



GOLDEN OBLONG PUMPKIN.

### BURPEE'S GOLDEN OBLONG PUMPKIN.

The pumpkins grow very uniform, from fifteen to twenty inches in length; the

outer color is a rich golden-orange, or old gold; the skin, while thin, is tough, making it almost as good a keeper for winter use as the hard-shell winter squashes. The fruit, when young, is dark green, and changes to a rich golden-yellow as it ripens. The flesh is light yellow in color, of very rich, fine quality. It is *very prolific*.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

## THE ORIGINAL GENUINE MAMMOTH PUMPKIN.

GENUINE MAMMOTH, or TRUE POTIRON (also called KING OF THE MAMMOTHS, Large Yellow Mammoth, Mammoth \$50.00 Pumpkin, and Jumbo Pumpkin). The pride taken in growing the largest pumpkin, and the great demand for the seed, explains the multitude of names which this, **the Genuine Mammoth Pumpkin** (which we have always sold under its original name), has received.

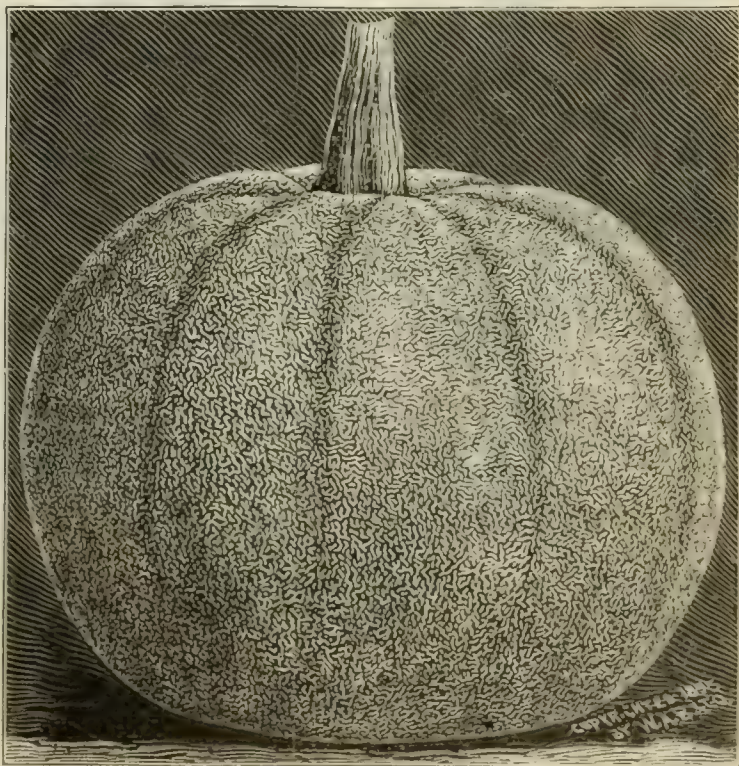
It grows to an enormous size, three feet or more in diameter, and one hundred to two hundred pounds or more in weight. In 1885 Mr. Chas. Hewitt, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, won our cash prize with a specimen weighing **two hundred and six and a half pounds**. In 1884 our prize was won by Jos. Dunn, Bryantsville, Ky., with a pumpkin of **two hundred and twenty-six pounds**. It has a salmon-colored skin; flesh bright yellow, fine-grained, and of good quality.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

### WINTER LUXURY PUMPKIN.

Few, if any, pumpkins can equal the **Winter Luxury** for cooking—in fact, one of our growers, who knows all varieties, is emphatic in stating that "*it is the best pumpkin grown for pies*." Unfortunately, it is extensively advertised also under three other names,—"**Queen Pumpkin**," "**Pie Pumpkin**," and "**Pie Squash**." Under whichever name, if you plant the pure seed you will find it will uniformly produce handsome little round pumpkins, like the illustration, with smooth, yellow skin, covered with gray netting. *The flesh is very thick, sweet, and fine-flavored, making the most delicious pies.*

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



WINTER LUXURY PUMPKIN.





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# RADISH SEED.

Our prices are for Seed postpaid by mail; if ordered by express, at expense of the purchaser, deduct 8 cts. per pound from prices quoted. Plant frequently for succession.

## NEW BRIGHT BREAKFAST RADISH.

An Improved Type of the French Breakfast.

Gardeners generally know what an improvement the *Early Round Dark Red Radish* is over the old *Early Scarlet Turnip*, also the *Early Oval Dark Red* over the old *Scarlet Olive-Shaped Radish*. This variety is a similar improvement over the well-known and justly favorite *French Breakfast Radish*. The red skin is a much darker, richer color, contrasting vividly with the pure white tip. With particularly small tops the Radishes grow very quickly, and if pulled while young and small are as crisp, tender, and good in taste as they are most attractive in appearance. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.10, postpaid.

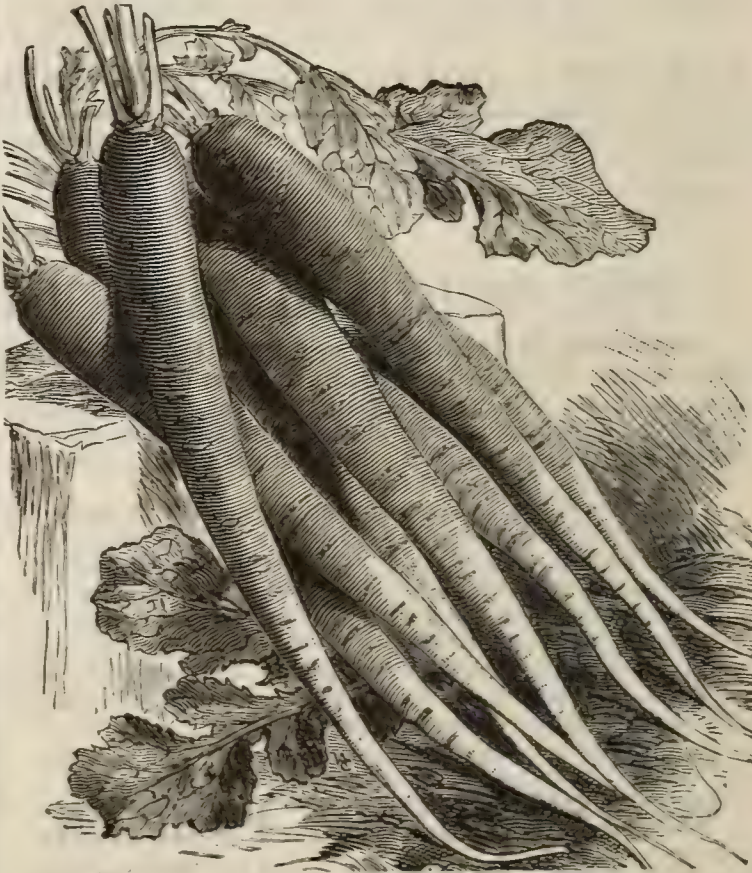
|  | Per oz. | $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. | Per lb. |
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| Extra Early Scarlet Turnip. Small, round, red radishes, . . . . .  | \$0 10  | \$0 20            | \$0 55  |
| Early Round Dark Red. Very handsome; fine quality, . . . . .       | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Scarlet Turnip, White Tip. Also called <b>Rosy Gem</b> , . . . . . | 10      | 20                | 65      |
| Early White Turnip. Both skin and flesh white; crisp, . . . . .    | 10      | 20                | 55      |
| Early Turnip Varieties, Mixed. Above and others, . . . . .         | 10      | 25                | 65      |
| French Breakfast. Olive-shaped; red, tipped white, . . . . .       | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Scarlet Olive-Shaped. Quite early; olive-shaped, . . . . .         | 10      | 20                | 50      |
| Early Oval Dark Red. Brilliant color; very early, . . . . .        | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Early White Olive-Shaped. White skin and crisp, white flesh, . . . | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Olive-Shaped, Mixed. All extra early varieties, . . . . .          | 10      | 25                | 65      |
| Half-Long Deep Scarlet. The New Orleans favorite, . . . . .        | 10      | 20                | 60      |
| Wood's Early Frame. Similar to the Long Scarlet, . . . . .         | 10      | 20                | 55      |
| Summer Radishes, Mixed. For use in family gardens, . . . . .       | 10      | 25                | 65      |
| Giant White Stuttgart. An immense white radish, . . . . .          | 10      | 20                | 50      |
| Golden Globe. A favorite summer radish, . . . . .                  | 10      | 20                | 50      |

Each of the above 5 cts. per pkt., or any 25 pkts. for \$1.00.



**LONG WHITE VIENNA, or Lady Finger Radish.** This new radish is the finest Long White Radish in cultivation. It is most beautiful in shape, white in color; both skin and flesh are pure snow-white; crisp, brittle, and of rapid growth. Seed crop quite short. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

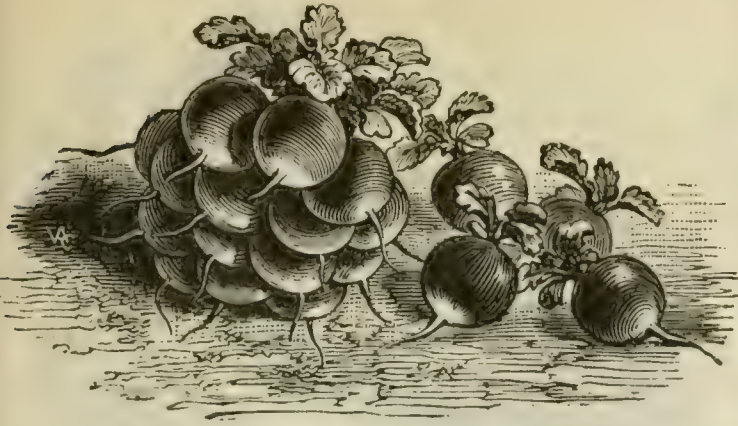
**EARLY LONG SCARLET Short Top.** This is a fine selection of the long, slender, scarlet radishes so generally seen in the spring. It is very early, tender, crisp, and fine-flavored, the roots averaging half an inch in diameter at the top and tapering throughout their length of four or five inches. Our seed is the very best. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



## CHARTIERS, or SHEPHERD RADISH.

The roots grow to a large size, about two-thirds of the length being of a crimson-rose color, shading off lighter until, at the bottom, they become quite white. They are of quick growth, very tender, and remain of good quality for table use a very long time. It is undoubtedly one of the very best "all seasons" radishes for open garden culture; it is ready for use nearly as early as the Long Scarlet, and keeps crisp and tender for two months. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.





WHITE-TIPPED SCARLET BALL RADISH

**WHITE-TIPPED SCARLET BALL RADISH** (*Scarlet Turnip White-Tipped Forcing*). A small, round, turnip-shaped radish, of bright scarlet, distinctly tipped with clear white, sharply delineated, which gives a very pleasing appearance to the bunches when ready for market. It grows so quickly that the radishes are ready to pull in *fifteen to twenty days* after sowing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**DARK-RED BALL** (*Deep-Scarlet Turnip Forcing Radish*). Remarkably fine in quality and of very quick growth, being earlier even than the *Earliest Carmine Olive-shaped*, and ready to pull within fifteen to twenty days after sowing. Perfectly globular little roots, of very bright color and excellent shape—certain to insure ready sale on market. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**EARLY YELLOW BALL** (*Very Early Yellow Turnip Radish*). This is a true forcing radish, which is not quite the case with the *Golden Globe*. It is of about the same earliness as the *Early Scarlet Turnip Radish*, and is of very fine yellow color. It will prove a very welcome addition, for it fills a long-felt gap. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**EARLIEST CARMINE OLIVE-SHAPED** (*Short Leaf*). (*Red Rocket, Improved Scarlet Globe or Startle Radish*.) One of the handsomest and best of all the extra early radishes,—hence its multiplicity of names. The root is regularly olive-shaped, very even, and with a smooth skin, of a rich, dark-carmine color. The foliage is short, stiff, and *extremely small*. In *twenty to twenty-two days* the crisp, tender little radishes are ready to pull. Its earliness and light foliage recommend it for forcing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



## LONG CARDINAL RADISH.

**New Long Brightest Scarlet.**

Its extraordinary earliness is remarkable, the roots being fit for use in twenty-five days after sowing the seed. From seed planted at FORDHOOK the 12th of May the radishes were ready to use on the 5th of June, and were particularly noted for crisp, tender flesh, and the bright, attractive color of skin. In shape very regular, smooth, and conical; in size it is intermediate between the long and half-long sorts. In color it is quite unique, being the *most fiery scarlet* we have ever seen in a radish; it is slightly tipped with white at the ends of the roots; the flesh is *crisp, tender*, and of the *finest quality*. This new radish will sell well in all markets, for besides its most excellent quality, its intense color will certainly attract the attention of all purchasers. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

## BURPEE'S EARLIEST (SCARLET BUTTON) RADISH.

Named and introduced by us in 1887, this new Radish had previously been tested all over the United States by customers to whom we had sent the seed for trial. Consequently there has been a very good demand for the seed, and grown upon a large scale for market, it has fully sustained our claim that *it is the very earliest Radish*.

One customer reports that BURPEE'S EARLIEST was ready for the table April 25th, while the *French Breakfast*, sown the same day, was not ready until a week later. Mr. J. A. HILL,

Mooreville, Ala., reports that he planted the seed APRIL 10th; it germinated APRIL 13th, and the radishes were first eaten on MAY 5th. It is a beautiful radish, of round form, with deep scarlet skin. Of *very mild flavor*, for *crispness and tenderness* it surpasses all other strains of scarlet turnip radish. It has short, narrow leaves, making a very small top.

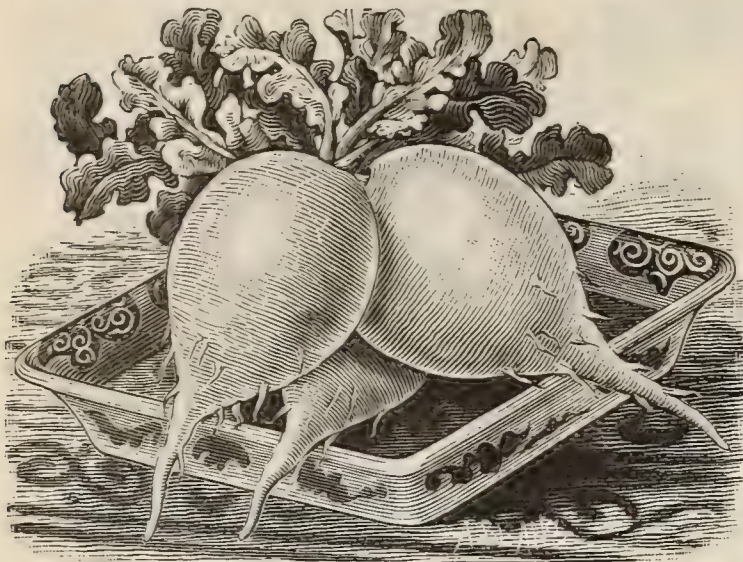
Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.10; by express \$1.00 per lb; 5 lbs. for \$4.00.



**BURPEE'S EARLIEST.**



## RADISH, Summer Varieties.



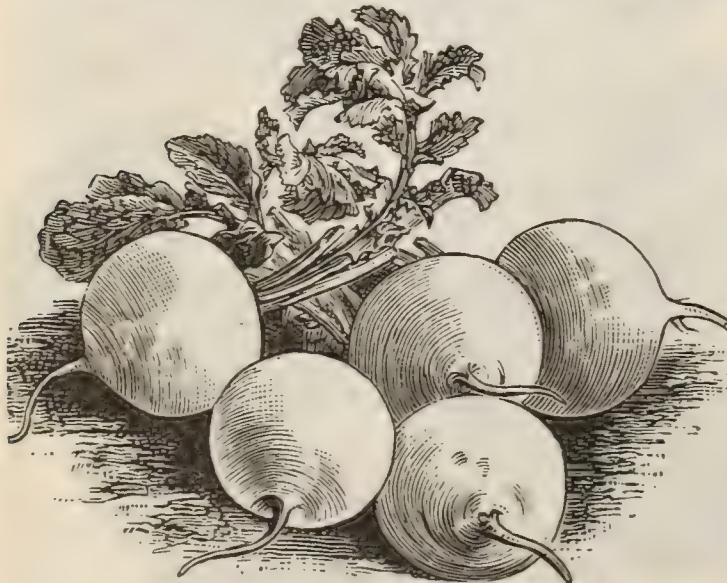
BURPEE'S SURPRISE RADISH.

**BURPEE'S SURPRISE RADISH.** Of very early, quick growth, the Surprise is remarkable for remaining in fine condition, without becoming pithy, *longer than any other early radish*; it might also be called an "*All Seasons*" Radish, as it is the same fine quality the middle of summer. By successive sowings it will keep the table constantly supplied with very choice radishes. The illustration rightly represents the form of the roots; the skin is very thin and light brown. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**GOLDEN DRESDEN RADISH.** When we first saw this new Radish in Germany, six years since, we were so favorably impressed with it that we at once sent seed to FORDHOOK FARM for thorough trial. As a result, we had no hesitation in including it in our Colored Plate of Vegetables in 1893, and recommending it alike for family gardens and for market as one of the most valuable and quickest-growing Radishes.

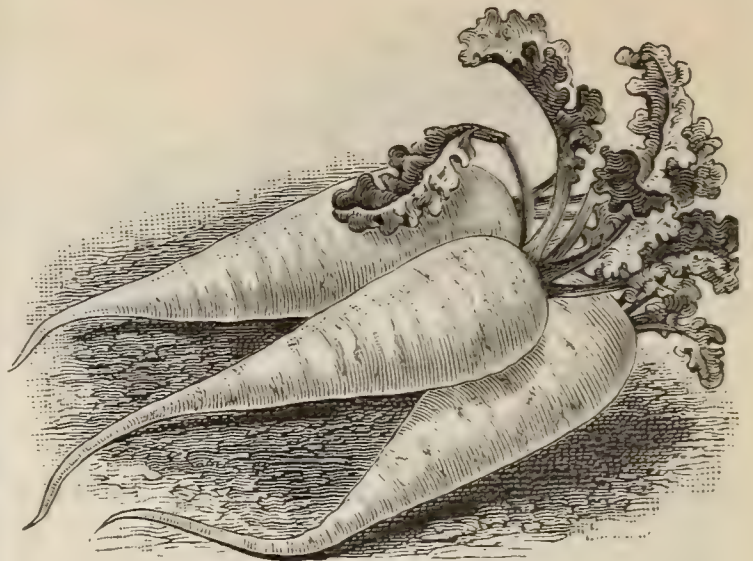


Tried generally throughout the country, it has given excellent satisfaction. Planted, under ordinary conditions, May 5th, it was ready for the table June 3d. The tops are very scant, and admit of the closest planting. The radishes are perfectly round and smooth, while they have attractive light golden-brown skin. The flesh is crisp, white, juicy, and of the finest flavor. Market gardeners can either grow this new Radish in the garden or force it, and depend upon an early, perfect, and uniform crop. Supply of seed is again limited. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.75.



LARGE WHITE GLOBE RADISH.

**LARGE WHITE GLOBE.** A very large, round, summer Turnip Radish. Of beautiful form, pure white skin and flesh, which is very crisp and brittle. It grows quickly to a large size and withstands summer heat. This radish is largely grown for market by our Philadelphia truckers; careful comparative trials have proved the stock grown by us to be the *very best*. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 65 cts.



WHITE STRASBURG RADISH.

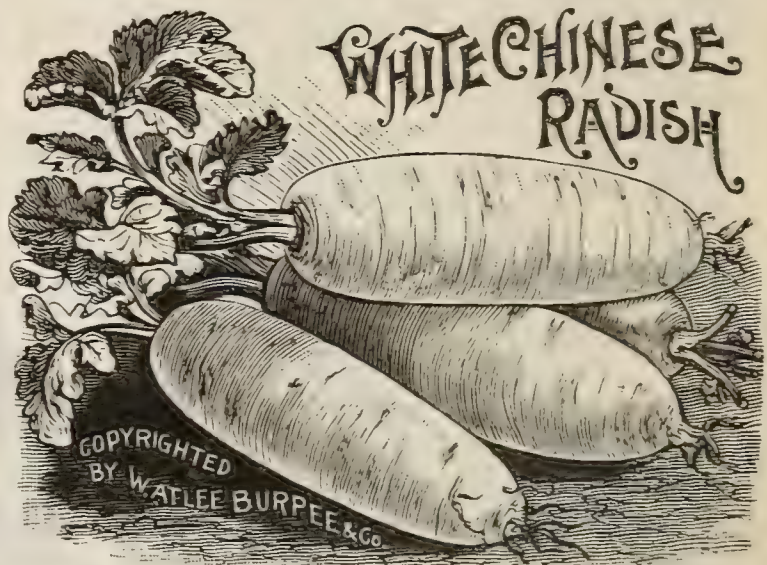
**WHITE STRASBURG RADISH.** We were the first to introduce this fine summer Radish into America eleven years ago. Since then several "*Novelties*" have appeared, which, upon trial, proved to be too similar to warrant a different name. The roots, as shown in the illustration, are of handsome, oblong, tapering shape; both skin and flesh are pure white. The flesh is firm, brittle, and tender, and possesses the most desirable character of retaining its crispness even when the roots are old and large; most excellent for summer use. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

## RADISH, Winter Varieties.

**ROUND BLACK SPANISH.** Black skin, white flesh, and roots globe-shaped. The flavor is piquant. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Long Black Spanish Winter.** Black skin, white flesh. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Long White Spanish Winter.** Milder in flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



**WHITE CHINESE (New Celestial).** In California, eight years ago, we noticed that the Chinese had a superior long white radish. So carefully guarded was the stock that it was necessary to send to China to obtain the seed. *In our trial grounds spring-sown seed completely failed to make good roots, while seed sown July 1st made excellent radishes of mammoth size for September use.* We, however, especially recommend it as *best of all winter radishes* from seed sown early in August. Instead of being *woody*, as are so many winter radishes, the skin and flesh are both *snow white, crisp, brittle, and of best quality.* Supply of seed is now *very limited.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**CHINESE ROSE, WINTER (Scarlet China).** A bright, rose-colored winter variety. Sow in summer, same as Turnips. This is of excellent quality, and is certainly one of the best varieties for winter use. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**CALIFORNIA MAMMOTH WHITE WINTER.** Roots grow eight to twelve inches long and two to three inches in diameter; flesh white, solid, and of excellent flavor. This is the largest of all radishes, and is also called *Mammoth White Russian.* Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



**RHUBARB.****PIE PLANT, OR WINE PLANT.**

Cultivated for its leaf stalks, which are used for tarts and pies, also as a sauce. It is very wholesome and should be grown in every garden.

**Myatt's Victoria.** Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**SALSIFY,****OR VEGETABLE OYSTER.**

*Our prices include prepayment of postage by us; if ordered by express, deduct 8 cts. per lb.*

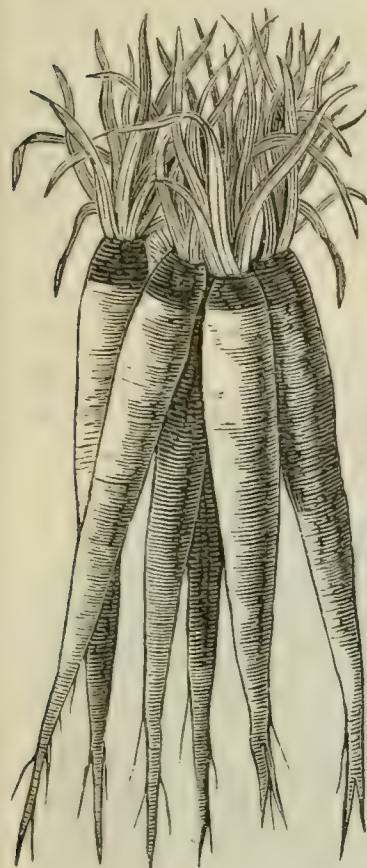
The Salsify is one of the most delicious and nutritious of vegetables, and should be more generally cultivated for use in winter, when the supply of really good vegetables is so limited. It has a grassy top, and a long, white, tapering root, nearly resembling a small parsnip. It closely assimilates to the taste and flavor of the oyster when properly cooked, and is a good substitute for it; very wholesome and nutritious. The roots are either boiled or mashed and made into fritters, in which form they are delicious.

**Long White Salsify.**

The well-known standard variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

**Sandwich Island Mammoth.**

Of extra large size, and fully equal in quality to the popular old variety mentioned above. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.



BROAD-LEAVED FRENCH SORREL.

**SORREL.**

Of the easiest growth, Sorrel is cultivated for its leaves, which possess a very fine flavor boiled and served like spinach. It also makes delicious soup, according to directions given in "HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES."

**Broad-Leaved French.** This is the best variety,—large leaves of a pale color. So popular is this in France that whole fields of it are grown around Paris. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**SPINACH.**

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VICTORIA SPINACH. From a Photograph.

**NEW VICTORIA.** When in 1893 we planted at FORDHOOK FARM samples of Spinach from all the leading growers, we certainly did not expect to become acquainted with any variety showing such a distinct improvement as does this new VICTORIA SPINACH from Germany. The illustration above shows a plant engraved from a photograph. The foliage is heavy, the broad, dark-green leaves being of the true Savoy appearance and of the finest quality, but the most remarkable feature that will make it of special value, both for market and family gardens (for spring planting), is the fact that it was in prime condition from two weeks to three weeks after all other varieties of Spinach had run to seed. So favorably were we impressed with its great value that we immediately instructed our representative then in Germany to secure a stock of the seed from the originators. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 10 cts.; per  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.



**THICK-LEAVED ROUND.** Produces large, thick, dark-green leaves, somewhat crumpled, and possesses the valuable quality of standing a long time. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 15 cts.; per lb 35 cts., postpaid.

**LONG-STANDING (Enkhuizen).** This is decidedly the best for spring sowing, as it stands two weeks longer than any other sort before running to seed. The leaves are large, thick, fleshy, and crumpled, fully equal in quality to the well-known Savoy-leaved. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 15 cts.; per lb 35 cts.

**LONG-STANDING PRICKLY.** The plants mature a little later than the round-leaved sorts, but furnish a large quantity of very thick leaves of excellent flavor. This is one of the best sorts for market gardeners. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 15 cts.; per lb 35 cts.

**NORFOLK SAVOY-LEAVED (Bloomsdale).** The leaves are numerous, succulent, curled, and wrinkled like a Savoy cabbage. It produces nearly twice the weight of crop as the ordinary sorts, and is also the hardiest of all the varieties of Spinach. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 15 cts.; per lb 35 cts.

**Prickly, or Winter.** Hardy, for fall sowing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 15 cts.; per lb 35 cts.

**NEW ZEALAND SPINACH (Tetragonia expansa).** Very useful to supply the place of the ordinary Spinach during the hottest months of the year or in dry, arid localities where the ordinary Spinach does badly. The seed is sown where the plants are to stand, in May, and the plants will continue to yield a supply of good leaves of excellent quality during the entire summer. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

The purchaser of BURPEE'S SEEDS does not buy twenty cents' worth of risk with five cents' worth of seeds,—the Trial Grounds enable us to fill the packets with seeds only.

Every truck patch or flower bed, large or small, is the planter's "trial ground."—

We desire that our seeds and not your patience shall be tried there.


FORDHOOK FARM renders our desire attainable.

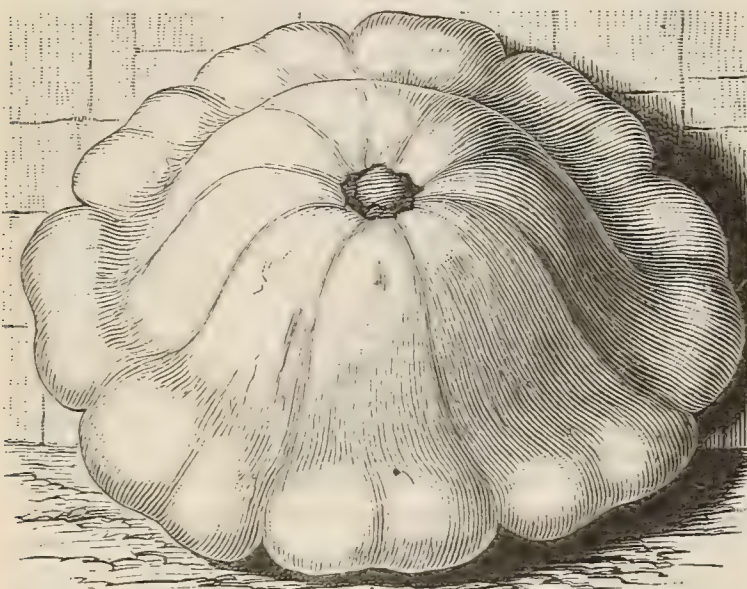


# SQUASHES.

The prices quoted are for **seeds postpaid by mail**. If ordered by express or freight, at expense of purchaser, **deduct 8 cts. per lb.** For many useful recipes on cooking read our new book, "**HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES**," which may be selected **as a premium FREE** on an order of \$3.00 or more.

|  | Per oz. | ¼ lb.  | Per lb. |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>Early White Bush, Scalloped.</b> The <i>White Patty-Pan Squash</i> , . . .          | \$0 10  | \$0 20 | \$0 60  |
| <b>Early Yellow Bush, Scalloped.</b> Differs in its deep orange color, . .             | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>Golden Summer Crookneck.</b> The popular, small crooknecked, . .                    | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>Strickler Summer.</b> A <i>running</i> variety of <i>Giant Summer Crookneck</i> , . | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| <b>Cocozelle Bush.</b> Excellent to use young, <i>fried</i> , . . . . .                | 10      | 25     | 90      |
| <b>Pineapple.</b> Peculiar shape; white skin and flesh; fine for early autumn, .       | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| <b>Boston Marrow.</b> A bright orange squash for autumn use, . . . . .                 | 10      | 20     | 55      |
| <b>Early Orange Marrow.</b> Earlier and more productive, . . . . .                     | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>Brazil Sugar.</b> The richest flavor in autumn, . . . . .                           | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| <b>Essex Hybrid.</b> A good squash for fall and winter use, . . . . .                  | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>Warren.</b> An improved type of the <i>Essex Hybrid</i> ; excellent, . . . .        | 10      | 25     | 75      |
| <b>Hubbard.</b> The well-known popular, standard winter squash, . . . .                | 10      | 20     | 65      |
| <b>Pike's Peak.</b> A most excellent winter squash; long keeper, . . . .               | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>Der Wing.</b> An ornamental, hard-shelled, little winter squash, . . . .            | 10      | 30     | 90      |
| <b>Perfect Gem.</b> Small, round, white squash for fall and winter, . . . .            | 10      | 20     | 60      |
| <b>White Chestnut.</b> "As dry as a boiled chestnut," for winter use, . .              | 10      | 20     | 60      |

 In regular-size packets, each of the above, **5 cents per packet**.



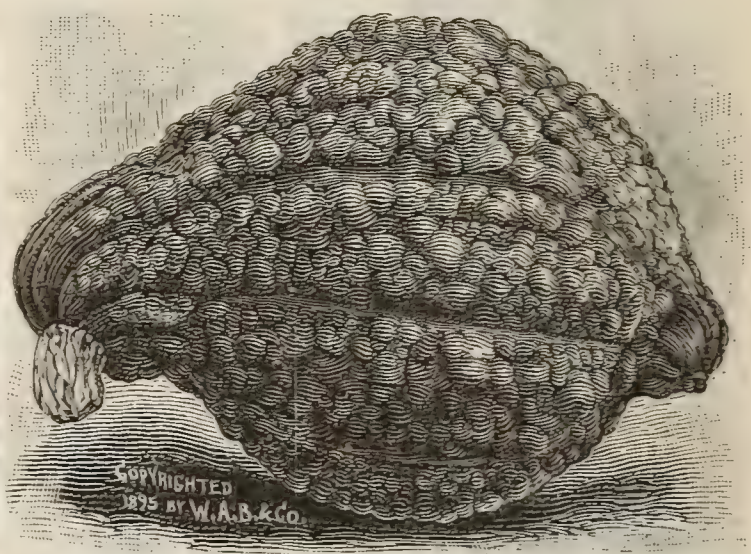
**NEW MAMMOTH WHITE BUSH, SCALLOPED, or Improved Patty-Pan Squash.** The great improvement has been effected by careful selection, so that the squashes are now very uniform in shape and wonderfully prolific. They are fit to use very early, are of a beautiful white color, and grow to a large size—twelve to fifteen inches across. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

**MAMMOTH YELLOW BUSH, or GOLDEN CUSTARD.** Resembles the preceding, except in color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 80 cts.



THE DELICATA SQUASH.

**DELICATA.** Early and very prolific; of shape shown in the illustration from a photograph. Ground color orange-yellow, splashed and striped with very dark green. Although of small size, the squashes are very solid and heavy, while the quality is rich and dry. An excellent "all seasons" squash. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.



CHICAGO WARTED HUBBARD SQUASH.

**CHICAGO WARTED HUBBARD.** Our select strain of the ever-popular old *Hubbard Squash* is most excellent, but the Chicago growers seem to have now produced "*An Ideal Hubbard*." "A Hubbard Squash, large, blackish-green, hard as wood, with warty knobs all over it, satisfies even the inexperienced observer that it is the best of its class, rich in quality, a keeper and thick-fleshed—such as will sell at sight." Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**NEW GIANT SUMMER CROOKNECK.** This new strain is even earlier than the common variety, while the squashes grow to an extra large size, measuring from *eighteen inches to two feet long*, and of *finest quality*. Their handsome appearance commands an extra price on the market, so that one grower reports having sold \$130.00 worth of squashes from about one-sixth of an acre. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 90 cts., postpaid.

**NEW RED CHINA.** Each vine produces from *nine to thirteen* squashes that weigh from 3 to 5 pounds each, with small seed cavity. The skin is of a vivid red



color, faintly striped with pale yellow. The flesh is of a rich orange color, firm, fine-grained, sweet. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; ¼ lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.





# FORDHOOK SQUASH.

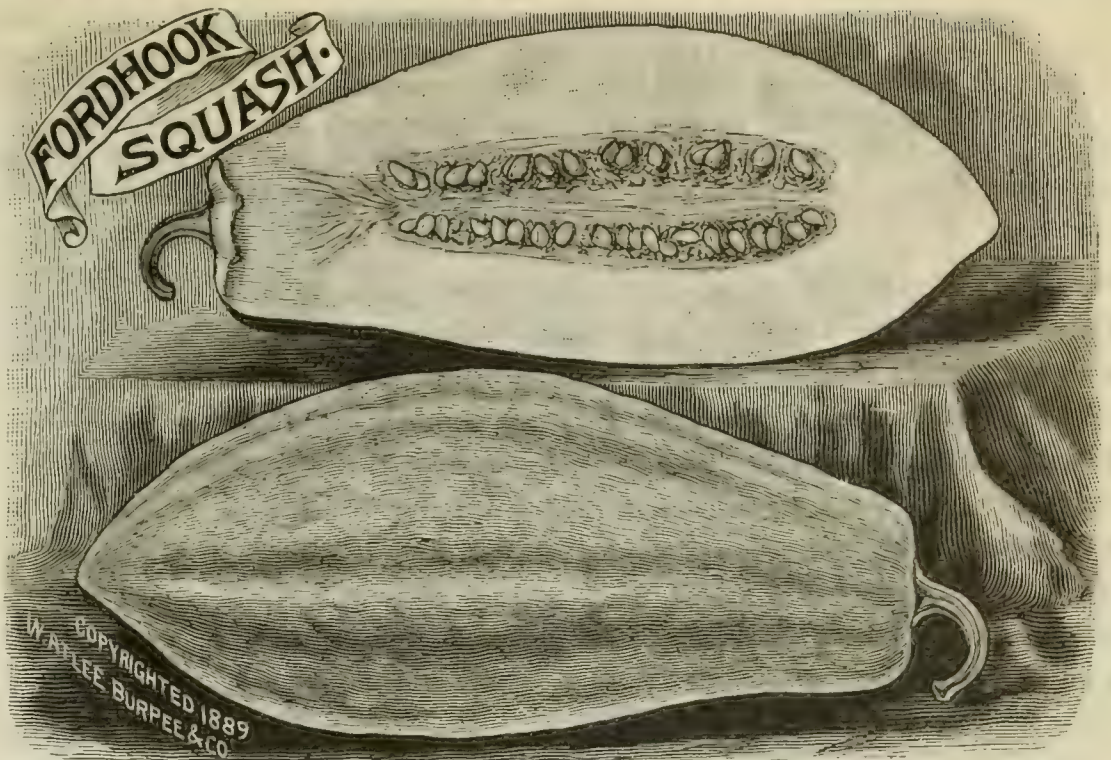
Bright yellow outside and straw-yellow within. The flesh is dry and sweet,—the best in quality of all winter squashes. *It seems incapable of rotting, and keeps in perfect condition until late in June.*

It is a strong and rapid grower,—earlier in ripening than any other winter squash, and is immensely productive.



A most valuable characteristic is the fact that while such a remarkable keeper, the skin is so very thin and delicate that the squashes are prepared for the table by simply cutting in half lengthwise and cooking, skin and all, at any time throughout the winter. Another feature is that the green squashes can be used at any stage of their growth.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.



## THE FAXON SQUASH.

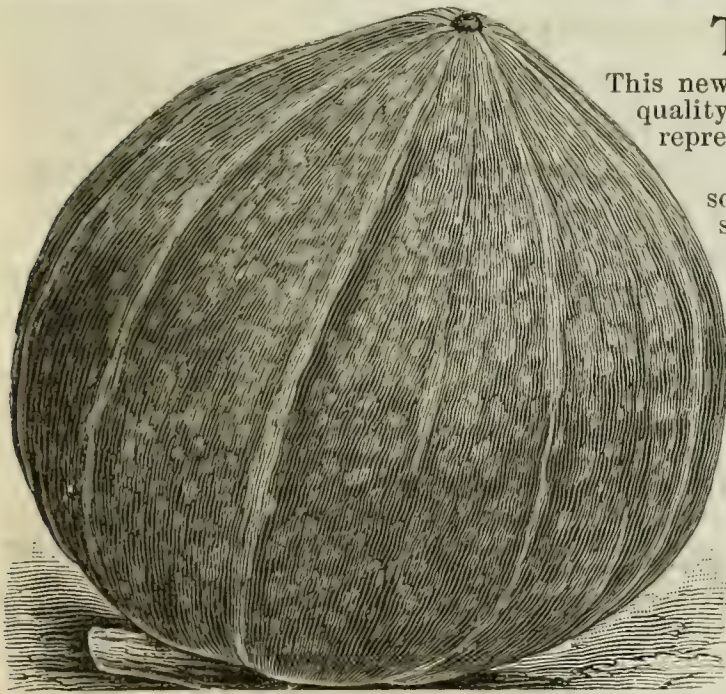
This new Squash from Brazil is so very prolific and of such fine quality that, notwithstanding its variations, its merits are fairly represented in the following description by the introducer:—

“A distinctive feature of this Squash is that the ripe squashes vary in color, some of them being pale yellow with still paler yellow stripes in hollows, while others are green, mottled, and faintly striped lighter.

“The flesh is a deep orange-yellow, cavity very small, and seeds few; the special peculiarity, however, is that while uncooked it appears to have a shell like any squash, when cooked there is practically none, the shell or inedible part being only about as thick as a sheet of writing paper. *It is the best squash we ever tasted—being sweet and very dry—and for squash pies it must be appreciated.*

“It matures early and can be used as a summer squash. It is the best winter variety we know of, being a very late keeper, we having repeatedly had squashes in our cellar in perfect condition in April and May. It is the only squash we ever saw that *every specimen is of superior quality without regard to size or whether it is ripe or green.*”

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00, postpaid.

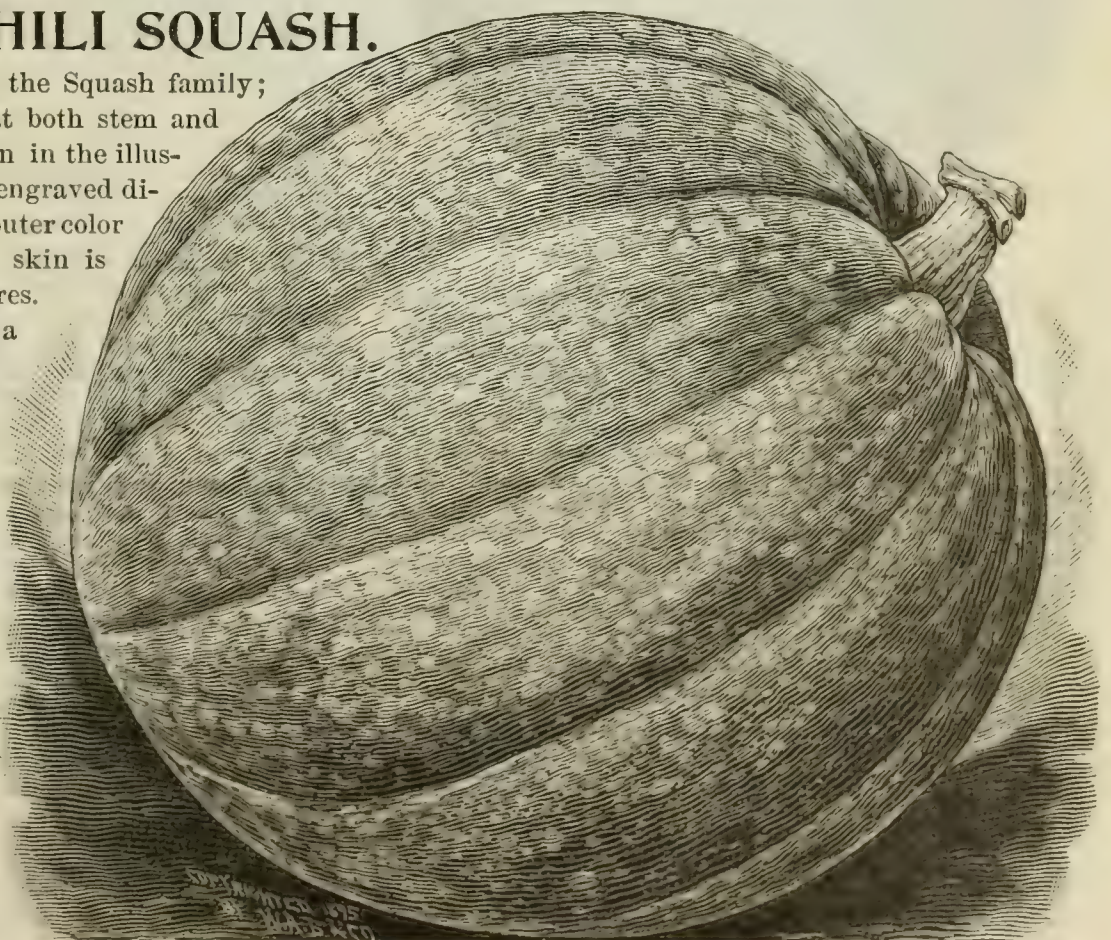


THE FAXON SQUASH. From a Photograph.

## MAMMOTH CHILI SQUASH.

This is the “Jumbo” of the Squash family; the form is round, flattened at both stem and blossom end. It is well shown in the illustration herewith, which was engraved direct from a photograph. The outer color is a rich orange-yellow; the skin is quite smooth, with wide fissures. The flesh is very thick and of a rich yellow color; the quality is good and very nutritious. They are most profitable to grow for stock feeding. They keep well throughout the entire winter. The LARGEST SQUASH ON RECORD was raised by Mr. Charles Hewitt, of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, from seed purchased of us, and attained the enormous weight of **two hundred and ninety-two pounds.**

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, postpaid.






# Burpee's Seed of the Best TOMATOES.

It is false economy to try to save on the first cost of Tomato Seed,—a little seed goes so far. And yet the country is almost “flooded” with *cheap Tomato Seed*, saved without any regard to selection and sometimes even the refuse of canning establishments.

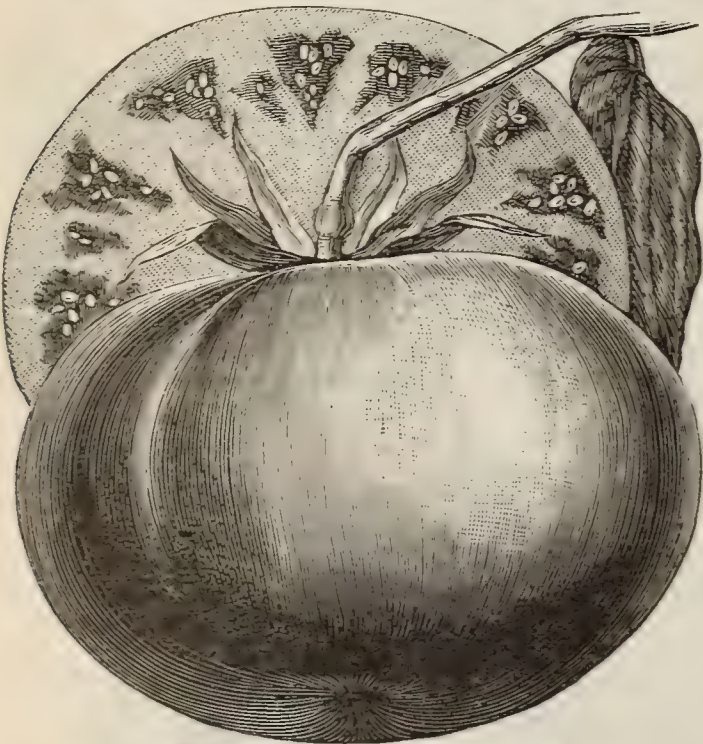
Our Tomatoes are *all grown especially for seed*, and largely by ourselves in Bucks County, Pa. This seed *actually costs us more than double* the prices at which we are annually offered so-called “pure seed cheap.” “A word to the wise is sufficient.”

|   | Per oz. | ¼ lb.  | Per lb. |
|---|---------|--------|---------|
| Acme. The well-known standard <i>bright-pink</i> tomato, . . . . .  | \$0 20  | \$0 50 | \$1 75  |
| Paragon. The well-known standard <i>bright-red</i> tomato, . . . . .  | 20      | 50     | 1 75    |
| Livingston's Perfection. In our opinion identical with Paragon, . .   | 20      | 50     | 1 75    |
| Livingston's Favorite. Bright-red, smooth tomatoes, of good size, .   | 20      | 50     | 1 75    |
| Early Optimus. Handsome, bright-scarlet fruits; quite early, . . .  | 20      | 60     | 2 00    |
| Volunteer. Bright red; moderately early; of fair size, . . . . .  | 20      | 60     | 2 00    |
| Chemin. <i>Very prolific</i> ; distinctly <i>apple-shaped</i> ; bright red; early, . .  | 25      | 75     | 2 50    |
| Trophy. Very large, solid, and generally smooth, . . . . .  | 25      | 75     | 2 50    |
| Thorburn's Long-Keeper. Bright red, early, and very productive, .   | 20      | 60     | 2 00    |
| Golden Queen. <i>This is the only first-class large yellow tomato</i> , . . . .   | 25      | 75     | 2 50    |
| The Peach Tomato. Resembles the peach in form and suffused color-<br>ing; very solid; rich, meaty flesh to eat raw, . . . . . | 25      | 75     | 2 50    |

 All the above Tomatoes are 5 cents per packet.

**New Terra-Cotta Tomato.** Quite unique; fruits four-lobed, with lusterless skin of a *pure terra-cotta color*, with the delicate bloom of a ripe peach. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.

**New Lemon-Blush.** Flesh bright lemon-yellow and of fine flavor; skin also lemon-yellow, but beautifully shaded with reddish-blush. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.



THE TURNER HYBRID TOMATO.

**THE TURNER HYBRID TOMATO (Mikado).** It is a rank, strong grower, with thick stalks, the large leaves being entire and not cut, and is *enormously productive*. It grows quickly and is ready to market *very early* for so large a tomato. The fruit is *extra large* in size and *remarkably solid*. The average weight of the tomatoes is from twelve to eighteen ounces, but many specimens reach twenty to twenty-four ounces in weight. They make the *handsomest sliced tomatoes*, *unequaled in fine flavor*. The form of the fruit is round and thick through, smooth in specimens of medium to large size, and, while the extra large fruits are not so regular in shape, they are equal in quality, firm, and solid; the color is a very brilliant red. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



**DWARF CHAMPION.** Dwarf and compact in growth, the plants grow stiff and upright, with thick-jointed stems, and foliage unlike most others, of an unusually dark-green color, thick and corrugated. In form, color, and size the tomatoes resemble the Acme—very smooth and symmetrical in shape, ripening close around the stem. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**EXTRA EARLY ADVANCE.** This new Tomato has fully sustained its claim for *extra earliness*, and we consider it (**next to Fordhook First**) the *earliest really good* Tomato in cultivation. The tomatoes are of fair size, bright red, very solid, and with no green core. The vines are most profusely loaded with fruit and continue to bear throughout the season. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**LIVINGSTON'S BEAUTY.** Ripens as early as the Acme; of smooth form; keeps and carries well. In color a rich, glossy crimson with a light tinge of purple. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**STONE.** Very large, and of bright scarlet color; smooth; ripening evenly to the stem without a crack; exceedingly solid; is an excellent shipper; quality is of the best; fine for canning; a good keeper; without hard core; not subject to rot; its vines heavily loaded with uniform specimens of fruit. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**BURPEE'S CLIMAX.** The vines are of strong, healthy growth, and are *completely laden* with fruit, thickly set in clusters. The tomatoes are very handsome; perfect in shape and smoothness; the skin is as *clear and rich as the most beautiful wax-work*; remarkably solid, with absolutely no green core; of the color of Acme, but larger. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; ¼ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



**ESSEX EARLY HYBRID.** This is one of the handsomest shaped and most profitable *bright pink* tomatoes for the market in cultivation. Quite early, solid, rich flavored; large in size, grows perfectly smooth, and is very productive. It always ripens all over alike, having no green spots around the stem. The flesh being hard and solid, it will keep a considerable time. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

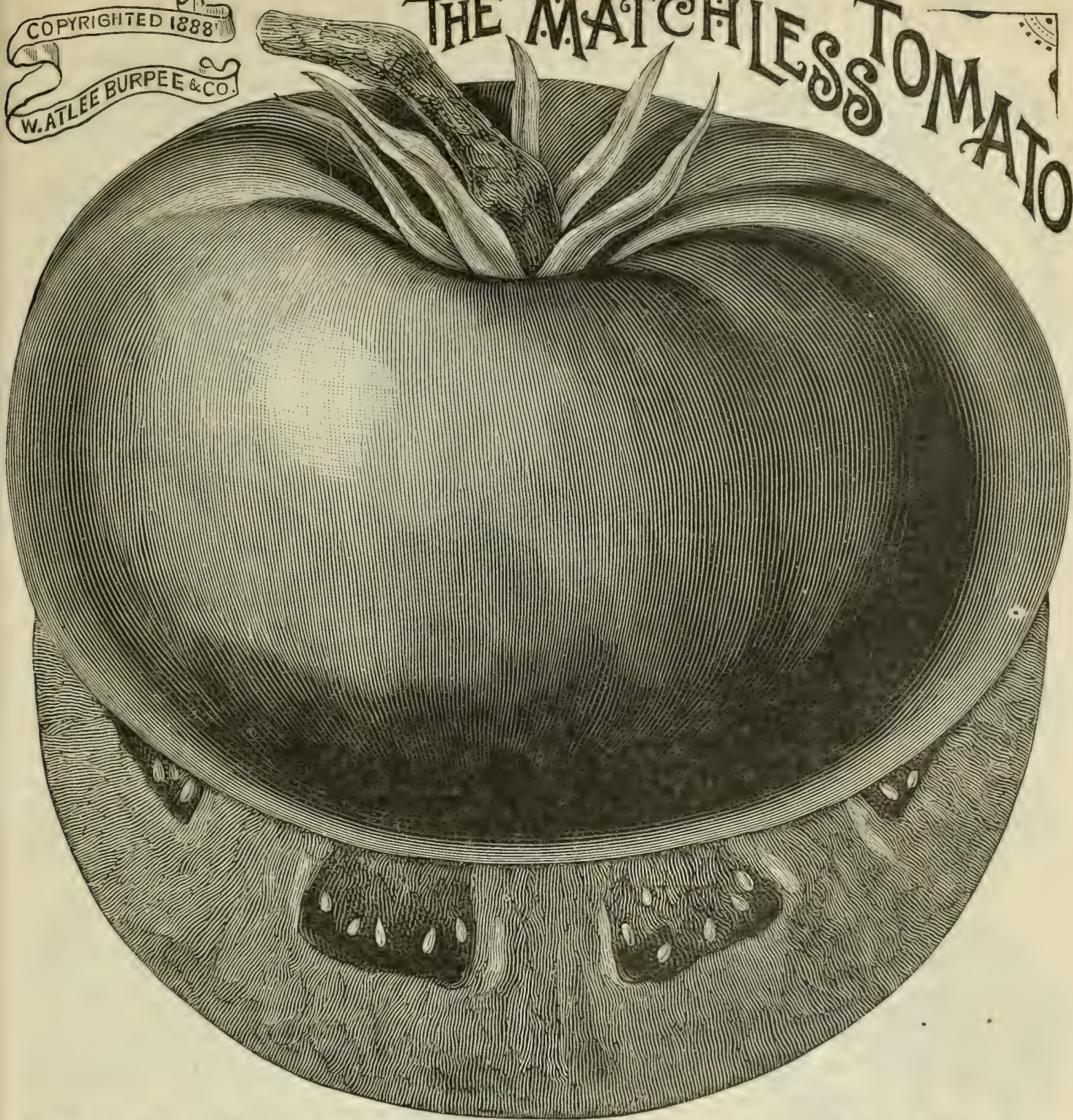
**THE IGNOTUM TOMATO.** Large, smooth, and solid. It is also very productive and uniform, the last pickings being scarcely inferior to the best of the season. It is of a very handsome, uniform, deep-red color. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; ¼ lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**PONDEROSA, or No. 400.** This **monster tomato**, so largely advertised, is described by the introducers as follows: “It is all solid meat, so free from seeds that we have had to pay our growers five times as much to raise seed of this as of the ordinary sorts. It is a very handsome variety, being uniformly large, smooth, of a dark, rich crimson color, and a delicious sub-acid flavor. To show the enormous size of this great tomato, we would state that twelve specimens weighed sixteen and a half pounds, an average weight of one pound six ounces each, one monster tipping the scales at 1 lb 14 ozs.” Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 35 cts.



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# THE MATCHLESS TOMATO



## THE MATCHLESS TOMATO.

As grown by us, from carefully selected Stock-Seed, THE MATCHLESS TOMATO is well worthy of its name; in beauty of coloring and symmetry of form it is indeed without a peer. The vines are of strong, vigorous growth, well set with fruit; the foliage is very rich dark green in color. The engraving accurately shows the shape and also the remarkable solidity of a section. They are entirely free from core, of a very rich cardinal-red color, and are not liable to crack from wet weather. The fruits are of the largest size, and the size of the fruit is maintained throughout the season, the healthy growth of foliage continuing until killed by frost. Had we to confine ourselves to one variety it would be THE MATCHLESS, for certainly no other Tomato will produce extra large fruits, so smooth, handsome, and marketable, as The Matchless. The skin is remarkably tough and solid, so that ripe specimens picked from the vine will keep in good, marketable condition for two weeks. Its fine quality and solidity are unequaled.

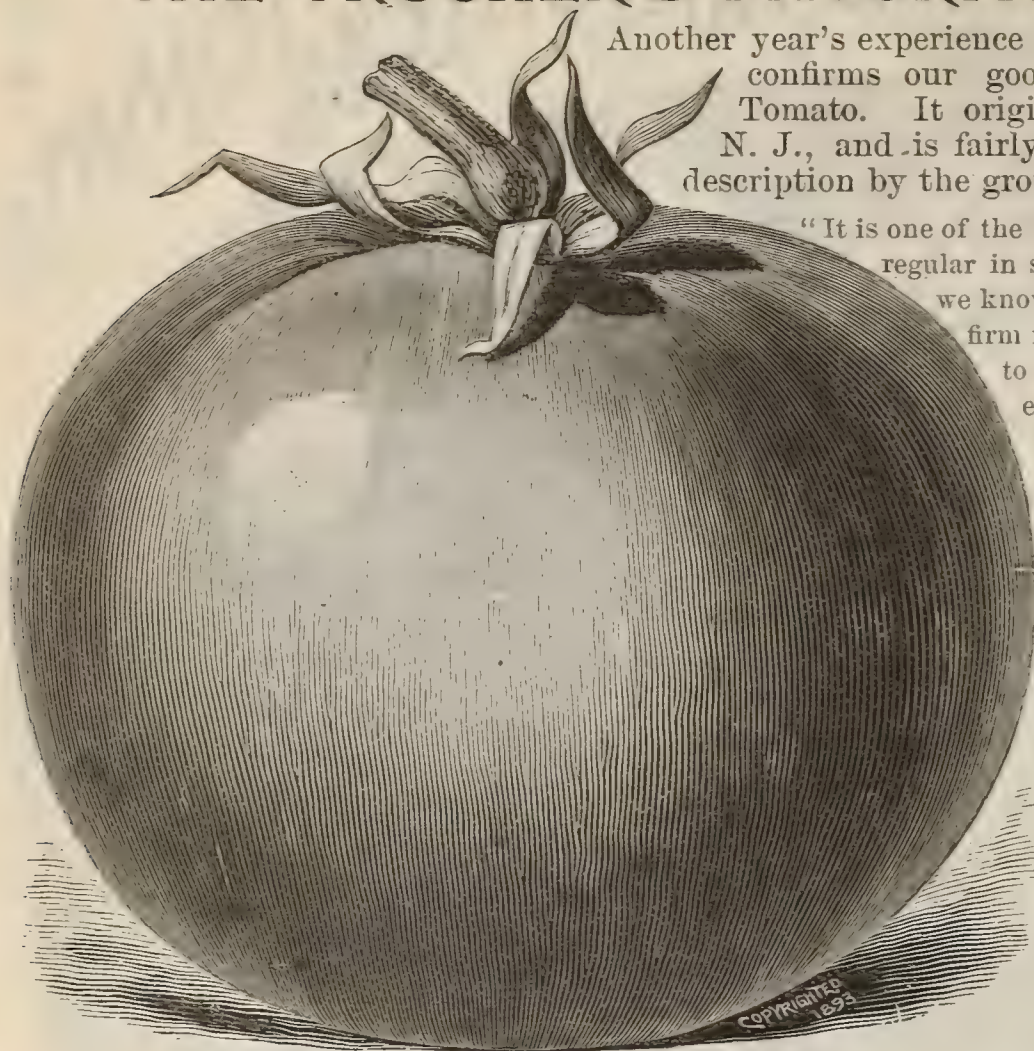
Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 35 cts.; 2 ozs 60 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.00; per lb \$3.50.

### WHICH IS THE BEST?

The universal popularity of the Tomato naturally makes great rivalry among growers. The multiplication of varieties tends to confuse purchasers, and therefore in recommending THE MATCHLESS we would plainly state that we have tested it during the past six seasons at FORDHOOK FARM alongside of all known varieties, including such new sorts as Aristocrat,—Crimson Cushion,—Liberty Bell,—Buckeye State,—Cumberland Red,—Early Michigan,—Great B. B.,—Shenandoah,—Early Emery,—Royal Red,—The Majestic,—Picture Rock,—Table Queen,—Belmont,—Henderson's Ruby,—Ten Ton,—The Money-Maker,—Prize-Taker,—World's Fair,—Red Cross,—Ruby Queen,—Early Champion,—South Jersey,—Brandywine,—Mitchell's New Tomato,—Logan Giant,—Two-pound,—Columbian Prize,—Bright and Early,—Landreth's Hybrids, and The Comrade, with the result that our answer is, that (when grown from pure, selected stock, such as ours) the very best bright-red Tomato in cultivation to-day is THE MATCHLESS.



## THE TRUCKER'S FAVORITE TOMATO.



TRUCKER'S FAVORITE TOMATO. *From a Photograph.*

Another year's experience on a large scale at FORDHOOK confirms our good opinion of this fine, new Tomato. It originated in Burlington County, N. J., and is fairly represented in the following description by the grower:—

"It is one of the largest tomatoes grown, and is more regular in shape and size than any other variety we know of. Color purplish-red, very solid, firm flesh, a good keeper, and not subject to rot or crack on the vines. It is an excellent shipper, and sold in Philadelphia markets at better prices than any other variety offered at the same time. Ripens evenly to the stem, is a strong, healthy grower, not subject to rust or blight, is an enormous cropper, and produces until the vines are killed by frost, holding its size exceedingly well until the last picking. The quality is of the very best, and for cooking and slicing purposes it cannot be excelled. It is in every way a most desirable variety for market gardeners, and hence the name, 'TRUCKER'S FAVORITE.'"

With the growing popularity in many markets of purple-colored tomatoes, this valuable new variety will be

welcomed. We are confident it will stand at the head of all the Purple varieties, as THE MATCHLESS does at the head of the Bright-red Tomatoes for main crop.—see preceding page. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 45 cts.; 2 ozs. for 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$4.50.



RED PEAR-SHAPED TOMATO.

**RED PEAR-SHAPED.** This is a leading favorite for preserves, and also to make "tomato figs." The fruit is bright red, of true pear-shape, and of rich, distinct flavor. The larger plum-shaped red tomato, often sold under the same name, is not nearly equal to the true variety. No other red tomato will make preserves approaching this variety in delicious, rich, sweet flavor. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

### SMALL-FRUITED TOMATOES.

The following varieties are extremely useful for preserving and pickling. They are all enormously productive, and a short row in the garden will furnish an ample supply for a large family. The varieties are absolutely pure, having all been raised at FORDHOOK FARM.

**YELLOW PLUM-SHAPED.** Fruit a little larger than the preceding, of even plum-shape; skin and flesh clear, deep-yellow color; very popular for preserving. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.25.

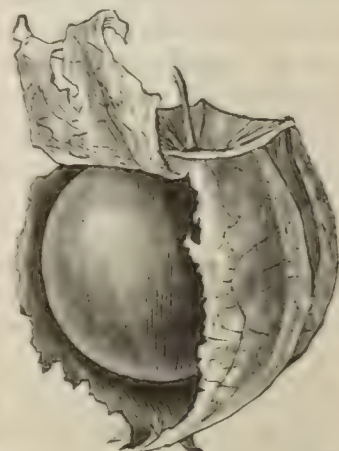
**RED CHERRY.** These little, round fruits are borne in large clusters most abundantly, and are good both for preserving and pickling; bright red. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**YELLOW CHERRY.** This differs from the Red Cherry only in color, which is a clear, bright yellow. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**TOMATOES FOR PRESERVES—Special Mixture.** This includes the best varieties of both colors and shapes. A few plants will furnish ample for any family. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**STRAWBERRY, or WINTER CHERRY (Alkekengi).**

Grows enclosed in a husk; excellent for preserves; will keep within husks all winter; very sweet-flavored, small, yellow fruits. This is well worth growing for preserves, both on account of its fine quality and immense productivity. The pretty, bright, yellow fruits also make a handsome dessert dish, while the flavor as fruit makes them popular. Ten plants, in our trial grounds, yielded a bushel of the small fruits. It is much earlier, and every way better, than a similar variety advertised as a novelty under the name of CAPE GOOSEBERRY. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.





## TURNIPS.

Our prices are for Seeds postpaid, by mail.

If ordered by express, deduct 8 cts. per pound. Customers will do well to order their Turnip seed when sending their general orders, but those who prefer to wait until the seed is actually needed, even as late as July and August, will be supplied at the same low prices.

**EARLY RED, or PURPLE-TOP STRAP-LEAVED.**

The most generally planted variety. It is a quick grower, the flesh is very fine-grained and sweet-flavored. The red top of the bulb, which extends down to where it rests in the soil, adds very much to the appearance of this popular variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 55 cts.



PURPLE-TOP STRAP-LEAVED.

ing an exceedingly small top. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb 90 cts.

**EARLY WHITE FLAT DUTCH, STRAP-LEAVED.**

A very popular market variety. Grows quickly, comes early, clear white skin; flesh of juicy, mild flavor and excellent quality. For early use sow very early in the spring, and again in July and August for autumn use. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**RED-TOP WHITE GLOBE.** One of the best early varieties grown and very popular. Of large size and very rapid growth; globe-shaped bulbs, with red or purple top; fine quality. It keeps well, and is excellent for early or winter market. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**JERSEY NAVET.** For autumn sowing. Delicate, sweet flesh; white and resembles a parsnip in shape. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**WHITE EGG.** Of very rapid growth; egg-shaped, with thin, white skin. Very solid, firm, fine-grained flesh, of sweet, mild flavor. It grows to a good size, and is excellent either as an early or late variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Robertson's Golden Ball, or Orange Jelly.** Rich, sweet, pulpy flesh; of quick growth, and keeps well. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**YELLOW ABERDEEN.** Of round form, yellow flesh, of fine texture, nutritious, and a good keeper. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**LARGE YELLOW, or AMBER GLOBE.** Grows to a large size; flesh yellow, firm, and fine-grained. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**NEW HALF-LONG RED-TOP TURNIP.** The form of this distinct turnip and the handsome appearance can easily be imagined when the shape of the roots, distinctly marked with red on the upper half accurately defined from the pure white of the lower half, is considered. The flesh is pure white, firm, fine-grained, and of delicious flavor. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 35 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**SWEET GERMAN, or LONG WHITE FRENCH.** Flesh white, hard, and firm, partaking much of the nature of a ruta бага. Must be sown earlier than the flat turnips. In autumn and early winter it is apt to be hard, but mellows like an apple by keeping. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 55 cts.

**Long White, or Cowhorn.** Pure white, except at top. Roots shaped like a carrot and grows half above the ground. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**Pomeranian White Globe.** A free-growing, rough-leaved sort, valuable both for stock feeding and table use. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**Teltau, or Small Berlin.** Very small, spindle-shaped roots; the rind has a peculiar flavor, and should not be taken off when used; esteemed for flavoring soups. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 70 cts.

**WHITE GLOBE STRAP-LEAVED TURNIP.** The

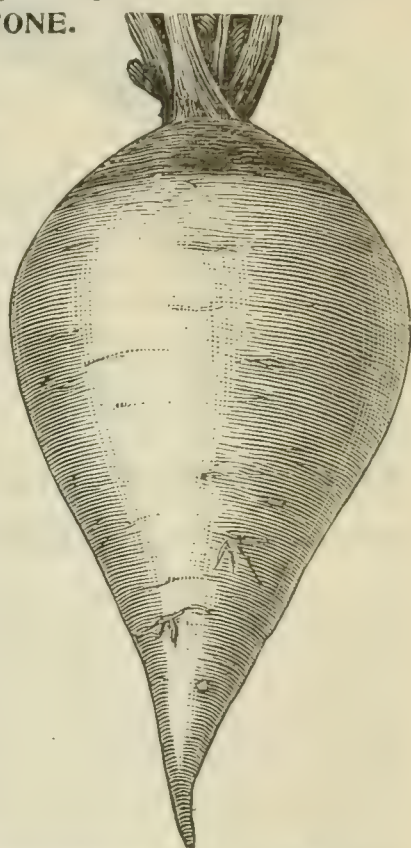
bulb produced by this new variety is of a perfect globe shape, about six inches in diameter, with smooth white skin; flesh pure white, firm, and crisp; leaves long, erect, entire, and of a clear green. The roots are remarkably quick in their growth, and take the globular shape at a very early stage. A very handsome and valuable variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**RUTA BAGAS, or Swedes.**

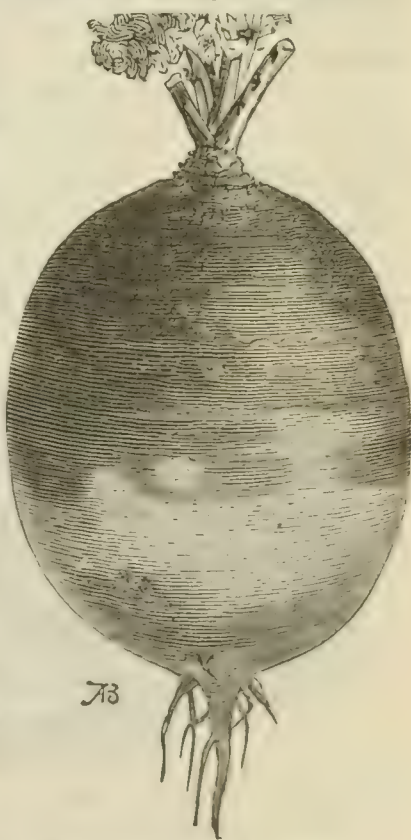
The Swedish or Russian Turnips (Ruta Bagas) grow much larger in size and are of greater value for stock feeding than the ordinary turnips.

**BURPEE'S BREADSTONE.**

Our illustration, engraved from nature, shows the shape; while of the *Ruta Baga* type, they are of such *extra fine quality* that they deserve to be classed with the *best table turnips*. They are of medium size, very quick growing, and the roots are very smooth, white, with faint-colored top. The flesh is *perfectly white*, fine-grained, and *cooks in only fifteen minutes*, remarkably tender, and very sweet, without the strong odor and flavor so objectionable in many varieties. *It is the finest table turnip for winter and spring use we have ever seen.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**MONARCH, or NEW ELEPHANT RUTA BAGA.**

The form of this distinct new Ruta Baga is well shown in the illustration. It is already very popular in England, and is certainly a grand variety, claimed to "yield larger roots and more of them on an acre than any other sort." It produces large, oval-shaped roots, with short, small necks, and relatively small tops; the skin is dark red above ground and yellow below; flesh is of a rich yellow, fine-grained, and of the best quality. Owing to the fact that the roots grow so much above ground, it is an easy matter to harvest them, consequently the **Monarch Ruta Baga** can be grown at less expense per acre than any of the globe-shaped varieties. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 70 cts.

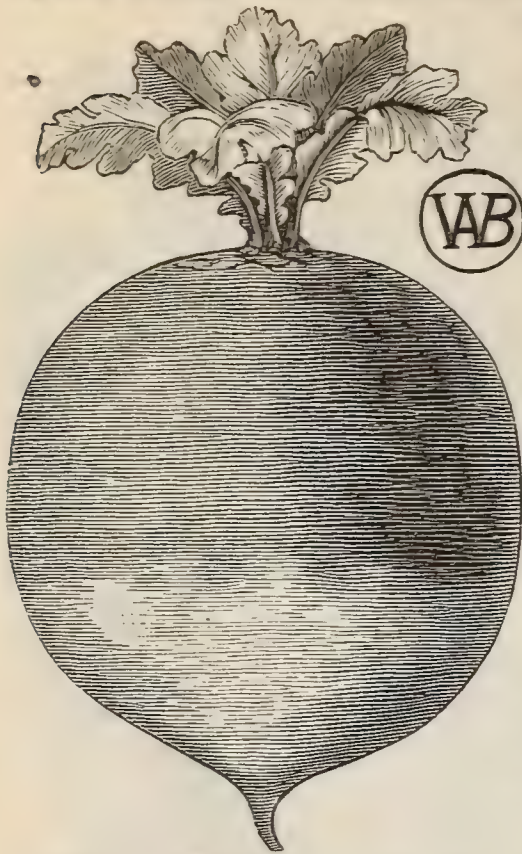


MONARCH RUTA BAGA.



**BURPEE'S IMPROVED PURPLE-TOP YELLOW RUTA BAGA.**

This magnificent Swede, the result of judicious selection, is the hardest, most productive, and most nutritious variety in cultivation. It is a large purple-top yellow variety; shape slightly oblong, with single tap-root, free from coarseness of neck, and for uniformity of crop and keeping qualities is superior to all other Swedes. It produces a very heavy weight per acre and keeps sound and good until late in the spring; flesh always sweet and rich. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.



BURPEE'S IMPROVED PURPLE-TOP.

**IMPERIAL HARDY.** A purple-topped variety, large size, with a single tap-root and small, fine top. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**LARGE WHITE.** Remarkable for its nutritious properties, hardiness, and long keeping. Of large size, rich, sweet flavor; should be sown late. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

## POT, SWEET, AND MEDICINAL HERBS.

A few pot and sweet herbs (for flavoring soups, meats, etc.) are indispensable to every garden, while some of the medicinal herbs will also be found very useful. Herbs in general love a mellow and free soil, and care should be taken in properly harvesting them in a dry state. The chief points are to cut them on a dry day when not quite in full blossom, and to dry them quickly in the shade, and when dry to pack them close in dry boxes, keeping them entirely excluded from the air. The varieties marked with an \* are perennial.

**ANISE** (*Pimpinella anisum*). Used for cordial, garnishing, and flavoring; the seeds have an agreeable, aromatic taste. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

**\*BALM** (*Melissa officinalis*). The leaves have a fragrant odor, and are used for making a pleasant beverage, known as balm wine, also for balm tea, for use in fevers. Per pkt 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**BASIL, SWEET** (*Ocimum basilicum*). The leaves are used for flavoring soups, stews, and highly-seasoned dishes. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

**BENE** (*Sesamum orientale*). Too tender for the North, but much used in the South. The seeds furnish an oil used for softening and whitening the skin. The leaves immersed in a tumbler of water will make a drink very beneficial for diarrhea. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

**BORAGE** (*Borago officinalis*). The leaves are used for flavoring, and the flowers furnish bee pasture; most easily grown in any waste place. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

**\*CARAWAY** (*Carum carui*). Grown for the seeds, which are extensively used for the flavoring of bread, pastry, etc. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.

**\*CATNIP, or CATMINT** (*Nepeta cataria*). The leaves and young shoots are used for seasoning. It also makes an excellent bee pasture. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

**CORIANDER** (*Coriandrum sativum*). The seeds form an important article of commerce; they are used in the manufacture of liquors and confectionery. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 50 cts.

**DILL** (*Anethum graveolens*). The seeds have an aromatic odor and warm, pungent taste. They are used as a condiment, and also for pickling with cucumbers. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**\*FENNEL, SWEET** (*Anethum fœniculum*). The leaves boiled are used in fish sauces. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.

**\*HOREHOUND** (*Marrubium vulgare*). The leaves are used for seasoning, and also in the manufacture of the popular cough remedy. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**HOP SEED.** Per pkt. 25 cts.; oz. \$1.50.

**\*LAVENDER** (*Lavendula vera*). An aromatic, medicinal herb. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

**MARJORAM, SWEET** (*Origanum marjoram*). The leaves and the ends of the shoots are highly esteemed for seasoning, both in summer and also dried for winter use. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.

**\*PENNYROYAL** (*Mentha pulegium*). The true Pennyroyal is but little known. It forms a dense mass of bright-green foliage particularly suited for rock work. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**\*ROSEMARY** (*Rosmarinus officinalis*). The aromatic leaves are used for seasoning. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**\*RUE** (*Ruta graveolens*). For medicinal purposes; good for fowls, for the croup. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

**\*SAGE** (*Salvia officinalis*). The most extensively used of all herbs for seasoning and dressing; indispensable. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**SUMMER SAVORY** (*Satureia hortensis*). The leaves and flowers are extensively used for flavoring, particularly in soups and dressings. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**\*WINTER SAVORY** (*Satureia montana*). The leaves and young shoots are used for flavoring. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

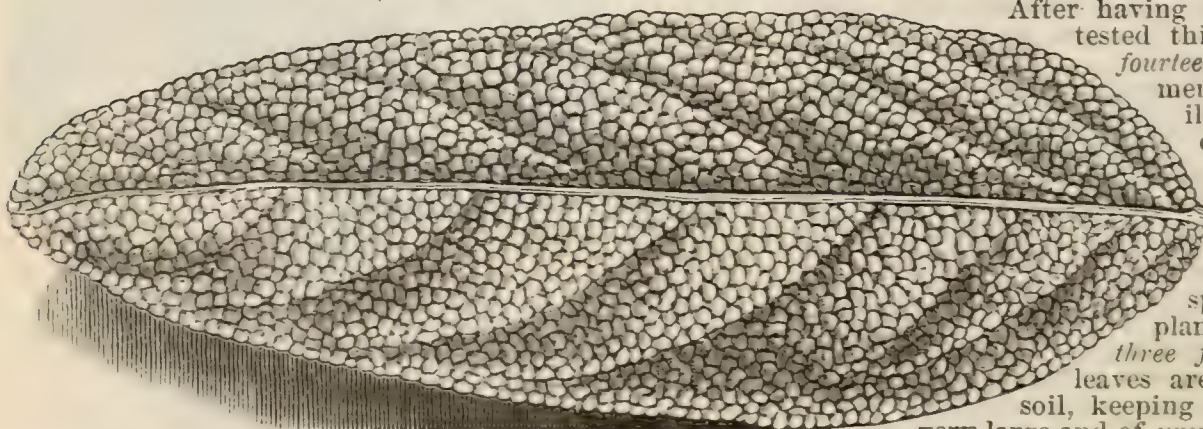
**\*TANSY** (*Tanacetum vulgare*). Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 30 cts.

**TAGETES LUCIDA.** A very pretty plant and considered by many an excellent substitute for the true Turragon. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 45 cts.

**\*THYME** (*Thymus vulgaris*). The leaves and young shoots are used for seasoning; a tea is also made for nervous headache. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**\*WORMWOOD** (*Artemisia absinthium*). Used medicinally, and is beneficial for poultry; should be planted in poultry yards. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.

## HOLT'S MAMMOTH SAGE.



After having grown and thoroughly tested this valuable variety for fourteen years, we can recommend it most highly. The illustration shows a leaf of average size. The plants are very strong-growing, the first season attaining one foot in height, and spreading so that a single plant covers a circular space three feet in diameter. The leaves are borne well above the soil, keeping them clean; they are very large and of unusual substance, strong in

flavor, and of superior quality. A single plant of Holt's Mammoth will yield more than a dozen plants of the common sort. It is perfectly hardy, even in New England, and attains still larger growth the second season. It never runs to seed. Price: 3 plants for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.; or 15 plants for \$1.00, sent safely, postpaid, by mail.



## TOBACCO SEED.

Please note that all our prices by the ounce or pound are for the seed, postpaid, by mail.

**Connecticut Seed Leaf.** An old, well-known variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**BRADLEY BROADLEAF.** The popular variety for several types—noticeably manufacturing and cigars; a good, reliable variety and one of the very best. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**Cuban Seed Leaf.** Has the size of the Seed Leaf with the shape and flavor of the Cuban. The leaves measure from thirteen to seventeen inches across. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**LANCASTER CO. BROADLEAF.** More largely grown than any other in Lancaster County, Pa. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

**HAVANA.** Genuine Imported Seed from the famous district of *Vuelta de Abajo*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 60 cts.

**BONANZA.** A White Burley cross on Yellow Oronoko and a very superior one, possessing the qualities of both parents beautifully blended, and for the manufacturing types most popular and in the greatest demand. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**GOLD FINDER.** A Yellow Oronoko crossed on White Burley, and in the estimation of some planters who have seen it growing the most beautiful yet developed. Growing on the hill, it is almost as white as the Burley. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**GENERAL GRANT.** It produces leaves forty-four inches in length, of proportionate breadth, and matures its crop perfectly as far north as Duluth, Minn. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 85 cts.; per lb \$3.00.

**PERSIAN ROSE MUSCATELLE.** Introduced from Hungary, whence it was brought from the gardens of the Shah of Persia. This is one of the *earliest* varieties, of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong and heavy, thickly set with broad leaves, many of them measuring three and a half feet in length. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb \$1.00; per lb \$3.00.

Our space does not allow us to give descriptions of the following *standard varieties* of Tobacco. We have good, pure seed of each at the following prices: Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

Gold Leaf.            Hester.            Gooch.  
Yellow Oronoko.    Medley Prior.    Sweet Oronoko.

## CURIOUS VEGETABLES.

Under this heading we group several Vegetables which do not seem to belong to any place in the "**General List of Vegetables**," and yet which many of our customers will doubtless desire to grow.

**RAM'S HORN BEAN** (*Dolichos bi-contortus*). A very singular variety, the pods of which, instead of being straight, are curved round and round, exactly resembling a ram's horn. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**CUBAN ASPARAGUS BEAN.** This is a pole or running Bean that always attracts attention in our Trial Grounds. It is a variety of *Dolichos* or Egyptian Bean, bearing numerous long, slim pods, which often measure *over three feet in length*. It frequently excites the inquiry, "Are those beans sold by the yard?" Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**CATERPILLARS** (*Scorpiurus vermiculatus*). Prostrate creeping plants with small yellow flowers, changing into "*Vegetable Caterpillars*." They are grown as curiosities, and sometimes, as a harmless practical joke, are put into salads for the purpose of startling those who are unacquainted with them. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**STRAWBERRY SPINACH** (*Blitum capitatum*). While not furnishing the plentiful supply of leaves for use like the ordinary Spinach, this is an interesting ornamental vegetable, bearing numerous fruits resembling strawberries in size, shape, and color. Per pkt. 5 cts.

## THE ALPINE STRAWBERRY.

Americans traveling in Europe soon learn to prefer the peculiarly rich and delicious flavor of the wild Alpine strawberries to that of the largest and finest cultivated varieties. They are very hardy, and there is no reason why all of our customers who are fond of the finest strawberries should not have a bed of these, with scarcely any expense beyond the purchase of a few packets of seed. The plants are remarkable for long-continued bearing. Pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



THE TRUE TARRAGON. From a Photograph.

## THE TRUE TARRAGON.

*Artemisia Dracunculus.*

The true Tarragon seldom, if ever, gives fertile seeds, but is ordinarily reproduced by division of the roots, which makes the plants grown in that way expensive. However, by a certain system of propagation we are prepared to supply it at a low price. Originally from Southern Europe, it is thoroughly appreciated by all who know it for the use of its aromatic leaves in seasoning or salads, also for Tarragon vinegar. The foliage, if cut in autumn, can be kept in a dry state the same as other herbs. Easily grown, but succeeds best in a rather warm, dry situation. In the Northern States give some protection during winter. At the low price named the *True Tarragon* should now find a place in every good garden, as it is very valuable for its own delightful qualities, and no other herb can rightly take its place. Price of plants, postpaid, 15 cts.; 2 for 25 cts.; 5 for 50 cts.; 12 for \$1.00.

## TARRAGON.

A DELICATE SEASONING.

Few housekeepers who note the little bunches of tarragon shown with chervil, parsley, and other seasoning herbs know the possibilities of what the American girl abroad called "the delicious little bits of French grass" which she found in the Parisian salads. These bunches of tarragon are now cut from hot-house plants, and cost 10 cents at the hucksters' stalls in the great city markets. The herb is used only in a mince, as parsley should be used in seasoning. A teaspoonful of minced tarragon may properly be added to almost any salad, dressed with oil and vinegar. It is excellent in a plain lettuce salad, and imparts a necessary finishing touch to all salads dressed in Mayonnaise. Tarragon vinegar may be substituted for the fresh herb in salads. In a sauce this is not possible, and the fresh herb must be used.

Tarragon sauce is appropriately served with delicate meats like spring lamb and chicken. A brace of chops of the dainty spring lamb that is now being sold by the quarter makes an especially delicious breakfast dish when served with tarragon sauce. Trim the chops carefully, dip them in a little beaten egg and then in fine bread crumb, and broil or fry them until a delicate brown. Meantime have ready a tarragon sauce, made as follows:—

Melt a teaspoonful of butter in a spider with a table-spoonful of flour. Add a cup and a half of strong, jellied veal stock, and when the whole is thoroughly melted and mixed, add a spray of soup celery, a bay leaf, a sprig of thyme, two sprays of parsley, and a couple of mushrooms if convenient. Let this sauce simmer slowly at the back of the fire for twenty minutes. Add another half-cup of white stock and three sprays of tarragon, and let it cook ten minutes longer. Sprinkle in half a teaspoonful of tarragon leaves and pour the sauce around the chops.

An omelet *à la tarragon* is another delicious dish that may be made from a portion of the same 10-cent bunch of tarragon. Mince the leaves from three or four sprays of the tarragon. Break six eggs, season them with salt and pepper, beat them for a moment, and add half a cup of cream or rich milk. Fry this omelet lightly and roll it in a golden brown roll, and serve it on a hot platter with a cream sauce poured around it.—From THE NEW YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, February 26, 1895.



# Special Bulk Price List of Beans, Peas, and Sweet Corn.

FOR MARKET GARDENERS AND OTHER LARGE BUYERS.—In the general list of Vegetable Seeds (pages 39 to 99 inclusive) all our prices include prepayment by mail to any Post Office in the United States. Below we quote special low prices on Beans, Peas, and Sweet Corn, by the quart, peck, and bushel. At these prices we make NO CHARGE FOR BAGS, and deliver to express or freight office—the purchaser to pay transportation charges upon arrival.

## BEANS—DWARF BUSH OR SNAP. See pages 40 and 41.

|   | Quart. | 2 Quarts. | 4 Quarts. | Peck.  | Bushel. |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Early Mohawk, and Early Yellow Six Weeks, each,   | \$0 20 | \$0 35    | \$0 60    | \$1 00 | \$3 50  |
| Round Yellow Six Weeks, . . . . .                 | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| Refugee and China Red-Eye, each, . . . . .        | 20     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| Improved Extra Early RED VALENTINE, .             | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD,                    | 45     | 80        | 1 50      | 2 50   | 9 00    |
| BURPEE'S PERFECTION WAX, . . . . .                | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| Golden-Eyed Wax, . . . . .                        | 30     | 45        | 75        | 1 35   | 4 75    |
| Dwarf German Black Wax, . . . . .                 | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 25    |
| New PROLIFIC German Black Wax, . . . .            | 30     | 45        | 75        | 1 35   | 4 75    |
| Golden Wax, . . . . .                             | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| IMPROVED Rust-Proof GOLDEN WAX, .                 | 30     | 50        | 80        | 1 20   | 4 75    |
| Keeney's Rustless Golden Wax, . . . . .           | 40     | 75        | 1 25      | 2 25   | 8 00    |
| YOSEMITE MAMMOTH WAX, . . . . .                   | 40     | 75        | 1 35      | 2 50   | 9 00    |
| Davis White Wax ( <i>see page 19</i> ), . . . . . | 60     | 1 10      | 2 00      | 3 75   | 14 00   |
| Blue-Podded Butter, . . . . .                     | 40     | 75        | 1 25      | 2 25   | 8 00    |
| BEST OF ALL, . . . . .                            | 30     | 50        | 80        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| Emperor William and Kidney Wax, each, . . . .     | 30     | 50        | 80        | 1 35   | 5 00    |
| New Black-Eye Wax, . . . . .                      | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK WAX ( <i>page 17</i> ),      | 40     | 75        | 1 25      | 2 25   | 8 00    |
| Champion Bush, . . . . .                          | 30     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| The Goddard, or Boston Favorite, . . . . .        | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| White Marrowfat, . . . . .                        | 20     | 40        | 65        | 1 10   | 4 00    |
| Prolific Tree Bean, . . . . .                     | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA ( <i>see page 16</i> ), . .    | 40     | 75        | 1 25      | 2 25   | 8 50    |
| Henderson's Bush Lima, . . . . .                  | 25     | 40        | 75        | 1 35   | 5 00    |
| Kumerle, or Dreer's Bush Lima, . . . . .          | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 10   | 8 00    |
| Jackson Wonder Dwarf Lima, . . . . .              | 30     | 50        | 90        | 1 75   | 6 00    |

## BEANS—POLE OR CLIMBING. See pages 42 and 43.

|  | Quart. | 2 Quarts. | 4 Quarts. | Peck.  | Bushel. |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| WHITE CREASEBACK, or Best of All, . .              | \$0 30 | \$0 50    | \$0 90    | \$1 75 | \$6 00  |
| LAZY WIFE'S ( <i>see page 19</i> ), . . . . .      | 40     | 75        | 1 35      | 2 50   | 9 00    |
| BURPEE'S SUNSHINE WAX ( <i>see page 42</i> ),      | 35     | 65        | 1 15      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| GOLDEN CLUSTER WAX, . . . . .                      | 35     | 65        | 1 15      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| Horticultural, Cranberry, or Wren's Egg, . . . .   | 30     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 50    |
| Southern Prolific, or Kentucky Wonder, . . . .     | 25     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 50    |
| White Dutch Case Knife, . . . . .                  | 30     | 50        | 90        | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| HORTICULTURAL LIMA POLE BEAN,                      | 40     | 65        | 90        | 1 75   | 6 00    |
| EARLY BLACK LIMA ( <i>see page 43</i> ), . . . . . | 50     | 90        | 1 75      | 3 25   | 12 00   |
| WILLOW LEAF LIMA ( <i>see page 43</i> ), . . . .   | 40     | 65        | 90        | 1 75   | 6 00    |
| Large White Lima, . . . . .                        | 35     | 55        | 90        | 1 75   | 6 00    |
| Small Lima, Carolina, Sieva or Sewee, . . . . .    | 30     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 50    |
| Challenger, Dreer's Improved, or Potato Lima,      | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 00   | 7 00    |
| Extra Early JERSEY LIMA, . . . . .                 | 40     | 65        | 1 15      | 2 00   | 7 00    |
| KING OF THE GARDEN LIMA, . . . . .                 | 45     | 70        | 1 15      | 2 00   | 7 00    |
| FORD'S MAMMOTH PODDED LIMA, . .                    | 45     | 75        | 1 25      | 2 25   | 8 00    |



## PEAS. See pages 82 to 84.

|  | Quart. | 2 Quarts. | 4 Quarts. | Peck.  | Bushel. |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| "BURPEE'S BEST" EXTRA EARLY, . . .                           | \$0 30 | \$0 50    | \$0 75    | \$1 25 | \$4 50  |
| BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY, . . . . .                              | 25     | 40        | 65        | 1 10   | 4 00    |
| Improved Dan O'Rourke ( <i>First and Best</i> ), . . .       | 25     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| Laxton's Earliest of All ( <i>fully equal to Alaska</i> ), . | 25     | 40        | 65        | 1 10   | 4 00    |
| AMERICAN WONDER ( <i>true stock</i> ), . . . . .             | 30     | 55        | 80        | 1 35   | 5 00    |
| NOTT'S EXCELSIOR ( <i>see page 29</i> ), . . . . .           | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| WILLIAM HURST ( <i>see page 83</i> ), . . . . .              | 30     | 55        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| McLean's Little Gem, . . . . .                               | 25     | 40        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| EXTRA EARLY PREMIUM GEM, . . . . .                           | 25     | 40        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| CHAMPION OF ENGLAND, . . . . .                               | 20     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 25    |
| Yorkshire Hero, . . . . .                                    | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| PRIDE OF THE MARKET, . . . . .                               | 30     | 55        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 00    |
| STRATAGEM, . . . . .   | 35     | 60        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| IMPROVED STRATAGEM ( <i>see page 29</i> ), . . .             | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| LAXTON'S EVOLUTION ( <i>see page 29</i> ), . . .             | 35     | 60        | 1 10      | 2 00   | 7 50    |
| BURPEE'S QUANTITY ( <i>see page 84</i> ), . . . .            | 30     | 55        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| BURPEE'S QUALITY ( <i>see page 84</i> ), . . . . .           | 30     | 55        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| BURPEE'S PROFUSION ( <i>see page 30</i> ), . . .             | 35     | 60        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 50    |
| Bliss's Everbearing, . . . . .                               | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| Bliss's Abundance, . . . . .                                 | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 10   | 4 00    |
| HORSFORD'S MARKET GARDEN, . . . . .                          | 25     | 40        | 70        | 1 10   | 4 00    |
| Telephone, . . . . .   | 25     | 45        | 80        | 1 35   | 5 00    |
| DUKE OF ALBANY ( <i>see page 84</i> ), . . . . .             | 30     | 50        | 80        | 1 35   | 5 00    |
| HEROINE, . . . . .   | 30     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 50    |
| SHROPSHIRE HERO, . . . . .                                   | 30     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 50    |
| Dwarf Blue Imperial, . . . . .                               | 20     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| Royal Dwarf White and Black-Eyed Marrowfat, .                | 15     | 25        | 45        | 75     | 2 50    |
| New Mammoth MELTING SUGAR, . . . . .                         | 45     | 80        | 1 50      | 2 75   | 9 00    |
| Dwarf Sugar and Tall Sugar, each, . . . . .                  | 35     | 60        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 00    |

## SWEET CORN. See pages 59 and 60.

|  | Quart. | 2 Quarts. | 4 Quarts. | Peck.  | Bushel. |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| FIRST OF ALL ( <i>see page 59</i> ), . . . . .         | \$0 30 | \$0 50    | \$0 80    | \$1 25 | \$4 50  |
| FORDHOOK EARLY ( <i>see page 23</i> ), . . . . .       | 35     | 60        | 1 00      | 1 75   | 6 00    |
| EXTRA EARLY VERMONT, . . . . .                         | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 50    |
| THE CORY, . . . . .                                    | 25     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| RUBY SWEET ( <i>see page 23</i> ), . . . . .           | 30     | 50        | 85        | 1 50   | 5 00    |
| COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, . . . . .                           | 30     | 50        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| STABLER'S PEDIGREE, . . . . .                          | 25     | 45        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 00    |
| SHAKER'S LARGE EARLY, . . . . .                        | 25     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| Early Minnesota, . . . . .                             | 20     | 30        | 50        | 90     | 3 00    |
| Stabler's Extra Early, . . . . .                       | 25     | 40        | 65        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| STOWELL'S EVERGREEN (2 bush. @ \$2.75)                 | 25     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 00    |
| Stowell's Evergreen ( <i>Nebraska Grown</i> ), . . . . | 15     | 25        | 40        | 75     | 2 50    |
| All other Varieties, on pages 59 and 60, . . . .       | 25     | 35        | 60        | 1 00   | 3 00    |

## ONION SETS. Prices subject to changes, according to the market.

Prices by the bushel will be quoted by letter at any time, as they are subject to fluctuations of the market. They will rule probably about as follows:—

|  | Quart. | 2 Quarts. | 4 Quarts. | Peck.  | Bushel. |
|--|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Yellow, best Philadelphia sets ( <i>see page 81</i> ), . . | \$0 20 | \$0 30    | \$0 50    | \$0 75 | \$2 75  |
| White, " " " . . . . .                                     | 25     | 40        | 75        | 1 00   | 3 50    |
| White Multiplier Onion Sets, . . . . .                     | 25     | 40        | 75        | 1 25   | 4 00    |

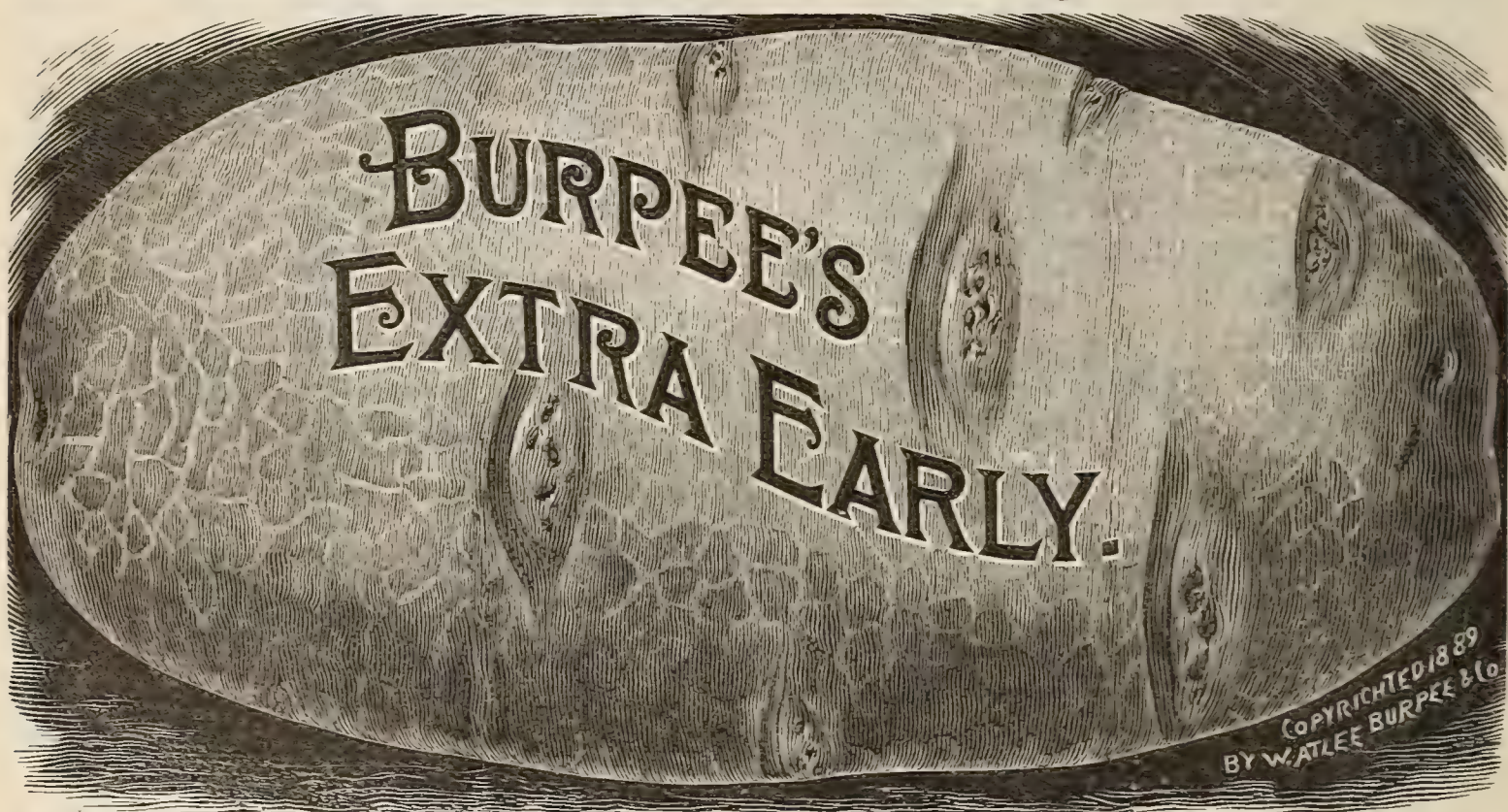


# Burpee's Best SEED POTATOES.

Potatoes are low this year and farmers complain that there is "no money in potatoes." This is doubtless true in many sections, but it is not likely that potatoes will again be so low next season. We believe it will pay progressive farmers to plant **the best Seed Potatoes**, such as BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY, SUPERIOR, CARMAN No. 1, and THE GREAT DIVIDE, even at the higher prices we are obliged to charge for the seed. Not only will these varieties make a large yield of the finest Potatoes that should bring an extra price on market, but also there is sure to be a good demand for Seed Potatoes, at remunerative prices, from many neighbors who see these Potatoes growing.

Our seed potatoes this season, as usual, have been carefully grown, especially for seed, and are now stored, in fine condition, in our cellars, awaiting orders. All orders accompanied by the cash will be promptly acknowledged, and the potatoes forwarded as soon as the weather permits, in time for early spring planting in the South. In ordering, please state whether we shall ship by express or freight. To many points in the South shipments can be made most cheaply by the various lines of steamers sailing every week from Philadelphia. At the prices below we make no charge for barrels, boxes, bags, or cartage. *In case of changes, special prices will be given by letter.* The following varieties are the best and most popular now in cultivation. So many new varieties are largely advertised which have no special merit, that we endeavor only to offer those that we know to be good.

**POTATOES BY MAIL.** The price of all varieties, except where noted, is 30 cts. per pound, or 3 pounds for 75 cts., correctly labeled, and sent, postpaid, to any address.



## BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY POTATO.

THE EARLIEST AND BEST OF ALL EXTRA EARLY POTATOES.

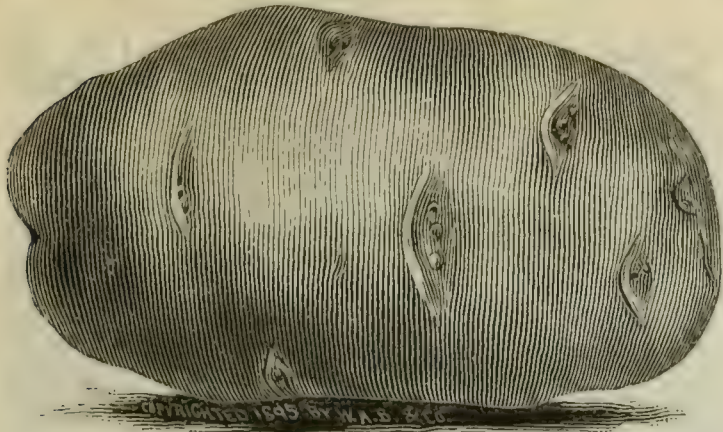
**BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY POTATO**, first introduced in 1890, has been thoroughly tested throughout America and England, and has fully sustained the claims made for it. It has proven itself from ten days to two weeks earlier than *Early Rose*, *Beauty of Hebron*, *Early Puritan*, *Polaris*, etc., while **fully one week earlier than the Early Ohio and nearly twice as productive.** The potatoes are uniformly of good size, entirely free from rough or scabby tubers, with very few small ones; oblong in shape, very smooth, eyes set well on the surface, skin creamy-white, slightly shaded with pink; the flesh is pure white, remarkably fine grained, and of the *very best table quality*. The tubers grow very compactly in the hill, with strong and vigorous foliage of an intensely dark green: it is a sure cropper, *immensely productive*, and will undoubtedly become the **standard extra early Potato of the near future.**

**PRIZE REPORTS.** The claims made above are in no way extravagant, as they are fully substantiated by the prize reports and testimonials received from all parts of America and England. The \$225.00 in cash prizes offered in 1889, prior to its regular introduction, were distributed as follows: The first prize, of \$100.00, for the largest crop, to W. O. LIGON, Gloster, Amite Co., Miss., who raised **FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE AND A HALF POUNDS** from one pound of seed planted; the second prize, of \$50.00, to SAMUEL KLOCK, Freetown Corners, Cortland Co., N. Y., whose crop was **four hundred and seventeen pounds** from one pound of seed; the third prize, of \$25.00, to MRS. S. J. BROWN, Bode, Humboldt Co., Iowa, whose crop from one pound of seed weighed **three hundred and sixty-six pounds.** Had we space in our Catalogue to publish the prize reports and the testimonials received from all sections, our entire stock of **BURPEE'S EXTRA EARLY** would very soon become exhausted.

**PRICES.** Per pound 30 cts.; 3 pounds for 75 cts., postpaid, by mail.

By express or freight, purchaser to pay transportation charges upon receipt of the potatoes: Per peck 65 cts.; one-half bushel \$1.25; per bushel of 60 pounds, \$2.00; per barrel of 165 pounds, \$4.50; two barrels for \$8.50. **ORDER EARLY.**





THE IRISH DAISY. From a Photograph.

## NEW POTATO,

## The IRISH DAISY.

This new Potato is described by the introducer as follows:—

"The IRISH DAISY is a seedling of the Empire State, possessing all the strong qualities of its parent; is not quite so large in size, but perfect in form. Eyes shallow, and pure bright straw color, on sandy land shading down to a brilliant white. The IRISH DAISY, put out and grown by trusty growers on gravelly land, heavy soil, and sandy loam, alongside of all other heavy yielding late Potatoes, has outyielded them in every instance. Vines are stocky in growth, a dark, rank green, and seem to stand dry weather better than any other late variety. They have never blighted yet, therefore might safely be guaranteed to be blight-proof. The growth in the hill is a marked peculiarity of this Potato. We dug in the fall of '93 one hill containing 27 merchantable potatoes, with a net weight of over 15 pounds, from two eyes of seed planted. With common field culture on ordinary sandy loam, they yielded at the rate of a bushel from five hills for the entire field. They ripen with Rural New Yorker No. 2, White Star, and Monroe Seedling, and will out-yield any one of these varieties two to one. For eating purposes the quality is *par excellence*, the finest of any late Potato on the market. For a Potato to sell from the wagon or by market gardeners, or grocers direct to customers, they will outsell every other variety, owing to their attractive form, shape, and pure white coloring."

As the IRISH DAISY has been largely advertised, we knew the seed would be in large demand. Therefore we contracted with a reliable grower in New York State for a good supply to be grown in 1895. These Potatoes are a fine sample and *would sell on sight*, but we must differ with the introducer in the opinion quoted above as to quality. For table use the IRISH DAISY is *not* first-class. Its immense productiveness, hardiness, and fine appearance will make it popular to *grow for market*, but we venture to say that *the grower will select some other variety for his own table use!*

PRICES. By mail: Per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid. By freight or express: Per peck 60 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per barrel of 165 lbs. \$4.50; 5 barrels at \$4.25; 10 barrels at \$4.00 per barrel.

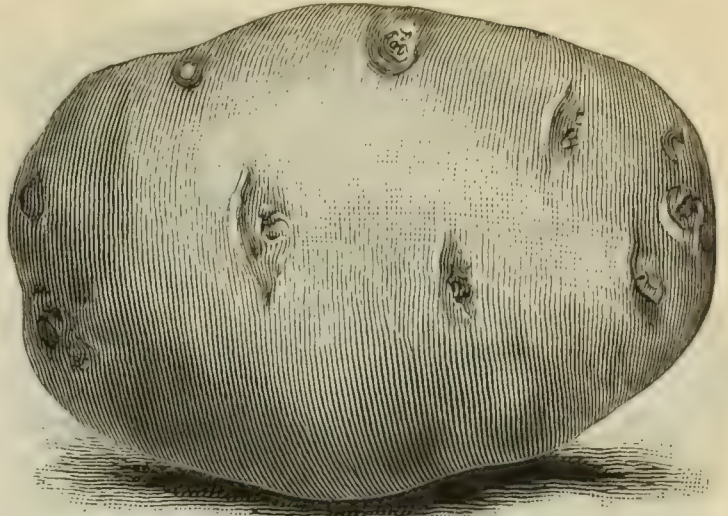
## TRUE EARLY ROSE POTATOES.

The EARLY ROSE is the standard early Potato and is so well known as to need no description. We are prepared to furnish fine **Maine** and **Prince Edward Island Early Rose** in large lots, at *special prices*, which are subject to market variations. Per peck of 15 lbs. 50 cts.; per bushel of 60 lbs. \$1.00; per barrel of 165 lbs. \$2.50.

**Extra Early Vermont.** Similar in color, form, and general appearance to the Early Rose, from which it cannot be distinguished. *Prices the same.*

**BEAUTY OF HEBRON.** Very rapid and vigorous grower, ripening as early as Early Rose, which it resembles, but frequently exceeds, in productiveness and excellence for table use, either baked or boiled. Peck 50 cts.; per bushel \$1.00; per barrel \$2.50.

**WHITE STAR.** A certain cropper, and one of the most profitable sorts to grow for the market. Whether baked or boiled, its purity of color, fine, floury texture, and delicate flavor are very attractive. The tubers are oblong. Peck 50 cts.; bushel \$1.00; per barrel \$2.50.



NEW POTATO,—"CARMAN NO. 1."

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## "CARMAN No. 1."

This grand new Potato originated with Mr. E. S. CARMAN, originator of the well-known *Rural New Yorker No. 2*. First introduced in 1894 at the almost prohibitive price of \$26.00 per barrel, the demand for it was many times in excess of the supply,—so great is the reputation of its originator, the well-known editor of THE RURAL NEW YORKER. Last year (1895) they sold for \$16.00 per barrel, and we consider ourselves fortunate in being able now to offer the seed, grown on contract for us in New York State, at a moderate price.

A well-known grower in New York reports his experience with CARMAN No. 1 as follows:—

"It made the most luxuriant growth I ever saw from so little seed. This variety is proving to be an enormous producer of very handsome tubers. Their table quality cannot be excelled. They grow very large. In fact, there are scarcely any small ones among those I shall have this year. In my opinion, this new Potato will make a great sensation among growers as soon as its enormous productiveness and superior table qualities are known."

Of our own trials at FORDHOOK FARM the past season we find the following impartial report in our note-book:—

"4378. Potato, CARMAN No. 1.—April 20th to August 21st. A grand variety, in spite of unfavorable season; size medium to large; thick and slightly flattened, but fully one-third larger than *Rural No. 2*, a grand tuber being nearly five inches long, three and a half inches broad, and one and a half inches in thickness; color of skin very pale, nearly white; eyes few and very shallow; vines making a strong second growth, but tubers smooth and evenly ripened."

Prices of the genuine **Carman No. 1 Potatoes for Seed**: Per lb 40 cts.; 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid, by mail. By express or freight: Per peck \$1.00;  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel \$1.75; per bushel \$3.00; per barrel (165 lbs.) \$6.00.

**BROWNELL'S WINNER.** This fine late Potato, first introduced by us in 1890, originated with the late Mr. E. S. Brownell, of Vermont, who stated: "I originated No. 2000, or *Brownell's Winner*, in 1885, by hybridizing the White Star with the Peachblow. I consider it of superior quality, either baked or boiled; it cooks even, white, and dry. The vines are strong and healthy, and well calculated to resist the potato beetle. The tubers grow large, long, oval, slightly flattened, are very smooth and handsome, with few eyes. The tubers grow compact in the hills, with few small ones. The color is a light rose-pink. It matures medium late, and is a great producer. I think it is superior in all respects to any variety that I have ever originated or grown." Per peck 60 cts.; bushel \$1.50; barrel \$3.50.







## BURPEE'S SUPERIOR POTATO.

This grand main-crop Potato was first introduced by us in 1889 and has steadily gained in popular favor. It is certainly one of the best varieties ever introduced for main crop. The tubers average quite large in size, with very few small ones, and it will produce as heavy a crop per acre as any variety with which we are acquainted excepting only *The Great Divide*. As shown in the illustration, it is oblong in form and of even thickness throughout, as the ends are sharply rounded,—being almost square. It has but few eyes and these are quite shallow,—nearly even with the surface, so there is no waste in paring for the table. It is **SUPERIOR** (well worthy its name) in its excellent quality when cooked for use. Many of the large late varieties are quite hard and watery when first dug and do not attain good cooking condition until they have become partly dry, while the **SUPERIOR** is in excellent condition for cooking from the time it is dug until late in the spring. It is never watery, is of very fine quality, and cooks evenly all through; when boiled a single pressure of the masher reduces it completely to the finest possible condition. When properly cooked the flesh is of the purest whiteness and surpasses all other varieties in its fine, flaky character.



The vines are of strong growth and at **FORDHOOK** are free from blight, while the tubers are smooth, with perfect freedom from rot; always of excellent keeping quality. The tubers of this variety last season were in good eating condition some time after we had dug the first of the early crop of *Burpee's Extra Earlies*.

**PRICES.** By mail: Per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid. By express or freight, purchaser to pay transportation charges upon receipt: Per peck 65 cts.; per bushel of 60 lbs. \$2.00; per barrel of 165 lbs. \$4.25; 2 barrels or more at \$4.00 per barrel.

**EARLY PURITAN.** This new *Early* Potato is of handsome, oblong shape; the skin and flesh are pure white. It cooks dry and floury, and is of excellent quality. It is very productive; the vines are of vigorous, upright growth, and the potatoes mature as early as the *Early Rose*. They are very dry, and fit for table use when only half grown. By express or freight: Per peck 60 cts.; per bushel \$1.75; per barrel \$3.50.

**THE POLARIS.** Although of distinct origin, this and the *Early Puritan* seem to be identical, both in growth and appearance. *Prices same as for Early Puritan.*

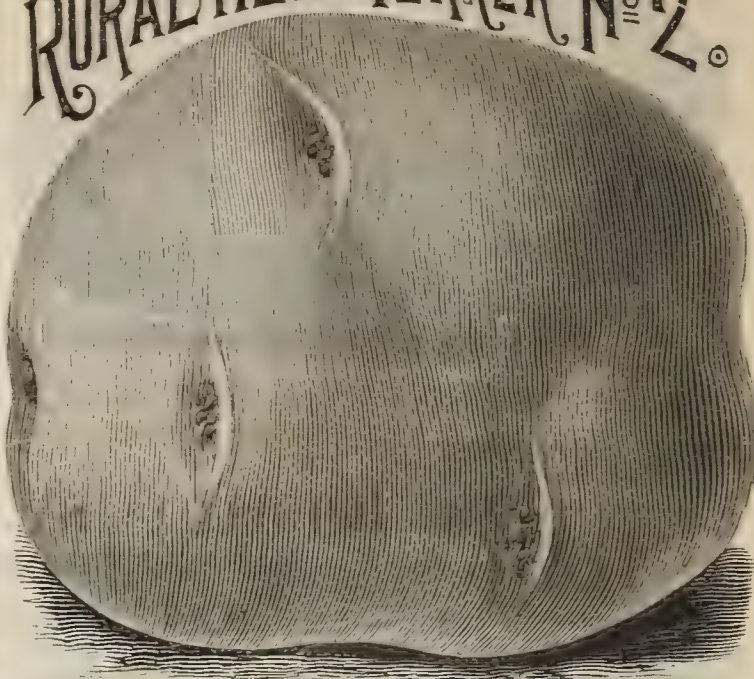
**THE FREEMAN.** A new extra early Potato that has been widely advertised and given general satisfaction. Per lb 35 cts.; 3 lbs. for 90 cts., postpaid. Per peck 60 cts.; bushel \$1.50; per barrel \$3.50.



## BURPEE'S EMPIRE STATE POTATO.

First introduced by us in 1885, the *Empire State* has had an immense sale and become very popular throughout the country. The potatoes are oblong in shape, of large size, smooth, and very handsome. It is a seedling raised by E. L. Cox from the only seed ball he had ever succeeded in finding on the *White Elephant*. It is rich and delicate in flavor, remarkably free from rot, is never hollow, and cooks evenly through without any coarseness. It yields large crops and is easily dug. Per peck 60 cts.; bushel \$1.50; per barrel \$3.50.

## RURAL NEW YORKER No. 2.



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This new Potato originated on the experimental grounds of *The Rural New Yorker*, and although only introduced in 1889, has already created quite a *furore* among Potato growers. It is of very distinct and handsome appearance; the tubers are of large size, with remarkable smoothness of skin; the eyes are few, distinct, and shallow. It is of extreme whiteness, both of skin and flesh, and excellent table qualities. It has great vigor in growth and solidity of tuber, which enable it to resist disease to a remarkable degree. Thoroughly tested throughout America and Europe, it has proved to be one of the most valuable varieties. By mail: Per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid. By freight or express: Per peck 65 cts.; per bushel of 60 lbs. \$1.75; per barrel of 165 lbs. \$4.00.

## Aint We Daisies?

Just turn us out and look at us,—then photograph and electrotpe us.

Put us in your Catalogue and send us to the furthestmost parts of the earth.

We justly **DIVIDE** money between producer and consumer.

Where is the **IRISH DAISY?**

They "aint in it."



Above are the remarks which greeted us, upon a large piece of paper, placed on top of the first barrel of **GREAT DIVIDE POTATOES** received last autumn from Mr. F. B. VAN ORNAM, the originator, as a sample of the crop of 1895.

And they were **DAISIES!**

Since then we have received several carloads from Mr. Van Ornam, which are now stored in our cellars at Fordhook and in Philadelphia. We have never seen a finer lot of Seed Potatoes, and feel sure our customers **will be delighted with the tubers** upon receipt, while we know that, all points considered, the **GREAT DIVIDE** is the **BEST** main-crop Potato in cultivation to-day.

Read pages 32 and 33.

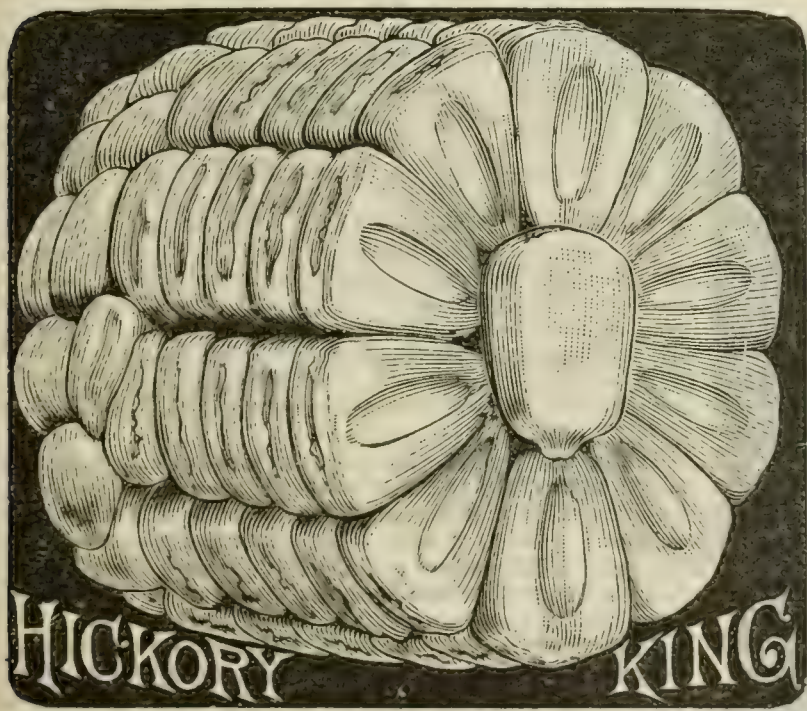




We devote careful attention to the growth and selection of the best Farm Seeds. Good farming, to be profitable, is impossible without good Farm Seeds. The large trade we have done in this line for some years has gained a national reputation for our Farm Seeds. One reason of our success is that our seed grain is *grown especially for seed*, in sections best suited to the development of each variety. It is all selected, well cleaned, and of the finest possible quality. Our prices all *include bags* and delivery to any freight depot, express, or vessel in Philadelphia. Please state whether seeds are to be sent by freight or express. **PLEASE ORDER EARLY.**

**W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Seed Merchants, Growers, and Importers,**

SEED WAREHOUSES, { Nos. 475 and 477 N. 5th St., } PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
 { Nos. 476 and 478 York Ave., }



## HICKORY KING CORN.

This white field corn has the *largest grains*, with the *smallest cob*, of any white corn ever introduced. *So large are the grains and so extremely small the cob* that on an ear broken in half a single grain will almost completely cover the cob section. No other variety of field corn that we have ever seen will do this. Of strong, vigorous growth, the stalks take a firm hold in the ground and stand upright, resisting the severest storms. The stalks generally bear two good ears each, and occasionally three. It yields splendid crops on light soil, and is undoubtedly the best and most productive white field corn for the South. We do not, however, consider it a safe crop to be grown north of Pennsylvania.

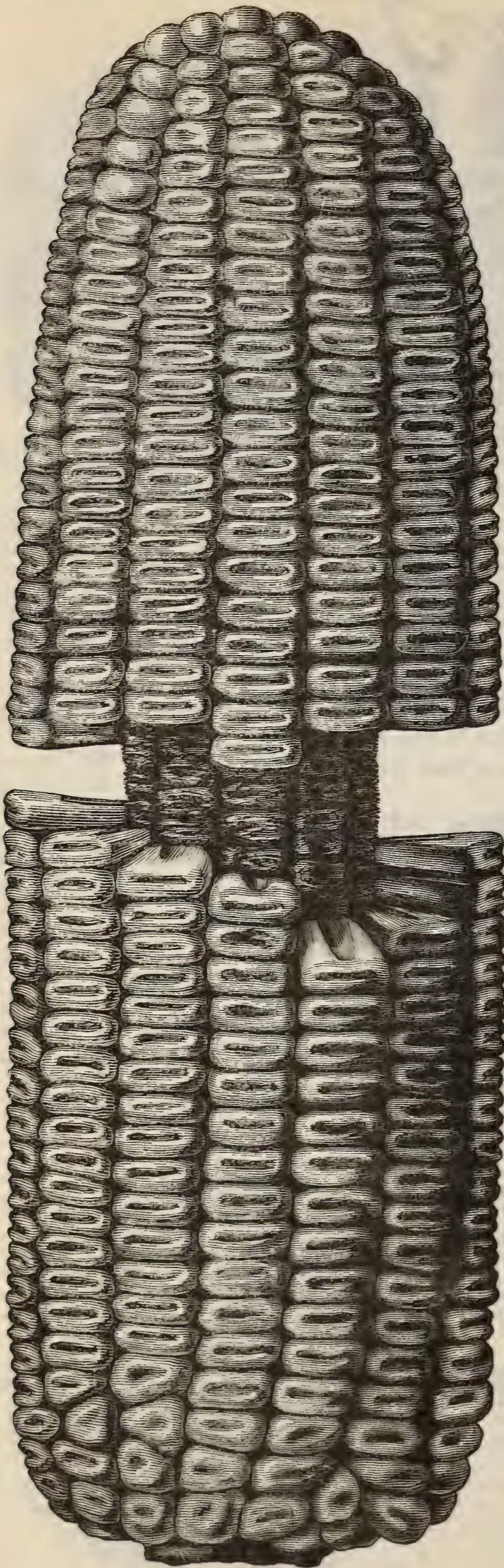
Prices: Per large pkt. 10 cts.; per lb. 35 cts., or 3 lbs. for 90 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express or freight: Per peck 60 cts.; bushel \$2.00; sack of 2 bushels \$3.75,—sacks included.

## MAMMOTH RUSSIAN SUNFLOWER.

The accompanying illustration was drawn from a mammoth head of this variety grown by us. Single heads measure twelve to twenty-two inches in diameter, and contain an immense quantity of seed, which is highly valued by all farmers and poultry breeders who have tried it as an excellent and cheap food for fowls. They eat it greedily, fatten well on it, and attain a bright, lustrous plumage and strong, healthy condition better than on almost any other food. It is the best EGG-PRODUCING FOOD known for poultry. Every farmer should plant some of the seed in any waste piece of ground, any time from early spring up to the middle of July. It is a wonderful improvement on the old native sunflower. Four quarts of seed will plant an acre. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; pint 20 cts.; per quart 35 cts.; 2 quarts 65 cts., by mail, postpaid. By express or freight: Per quart 25 cts.; 2 quarts 40 cts.; 4 quarts 75 cts.; peck \$1.00; per bushel \$3.25; per sack of 2 bushels \$6.00.



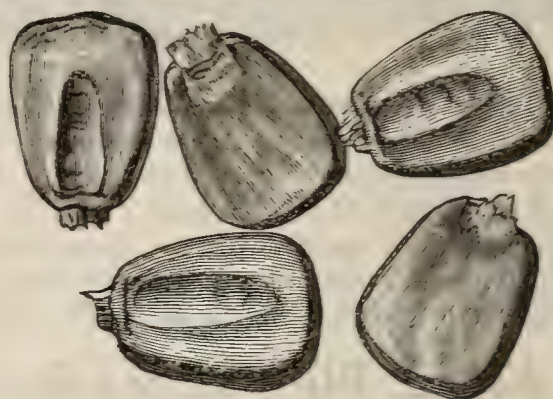




BURPEE'S GOLDEN BEAUTY CORN.

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The productiveness of the Golden Beauty is due to the economical shape of the ears and the fact that a large proportion of the stalks produce two fine ears. *It is the largest grained and handsomest yellow corn we have ever seen until this year, when we became acquainted with the Pedrick Perfected, described below.* The ears are of perfect shape, with ten to fourteen straight rows of brightest golden-yellow grains, of remarkable size, and completely filled out to the extreme end of cob. The cobs are unusually small; when broken in half, the grains will generally reach across. The richness of color and fine quality of grain make it very superior for grinding into meal. The ears are easily shelled, although the kernels are firm on the ear, and in every respect present as perfect a type as could be desired. The stalks take a strong hold in the ground; grow vigorously to a height of eight to ten feet. In 1885 C. W. Holman's, West Willington, Conn., prize crop was 158½ bushels shelled corn on one acre. Price 10 cts. per package; 30 cts. per lb; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express or freight: Per peck 65 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of 2 bushels \$3.50; 10 bushels or more at \$1.60 per bushel.

**PEDRICK PERFECTED GOLDEN BEAUTY CORN**

GEORGE R. PEDRICK, of Pedricktown, is well known throughout Southern New Jersey as one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers. He is always on the alert to try any new grain that gives promise of being really valuable. Many years ago he bought seed from us of **THE GOLDEN BEAUTY CORN**. Ever since, by a careful system of selection, he has steadily improved the strain until now it is well worthy of introduction under the name of the "**PEDRICK PERFECTED**" Golden Beauty.

To describe this improved Corn it is only necessary to refer to the description above of **THE GOLDEN BEAUTY**, and to say that all the good points therein named are intensified in the "**Pedrick Perfected**." The long, handsome ears contain twelve to sixteen rows of extra large, bright yellow grains, filling out the entire length of the cob.

While the cob of the original **GOLDEN BEAUTY** is small, the cob of this improved strain is even smaller, and we think a bushel of ears will give a greater measure of shelled corn than any other variety. We engaged all the selected seed Mr. Pedrick could save, but this is only 200 bushels,—and after this stock is exhausted no more can be had at any price.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb. 35 cts., or 3 lbs. for 90 cts., postpaid. By express or freight: Per quart 25 cts.; 4 quarts for 75 cts.; per peck \$1.25; per bushel \$4.00.

In order that the **Pedrick Perfected Corn** may be tested thoroughly we offer as follows:—

**LIBERAL CASH PRIZES.**

We will pay \$25.00 for the largest and best ear sent us in October next; \$10.00 for the second largest ear; \$5.00 for the third largest ear; then ten prizes of \$1.00 each for the ten next largest ears; then one year's subscription to **THE FARM JOURNAL** to the twenty farmers sending us the twenty next largest ears,—in all thirty-three prizes. We will carefully count the number of grains on the prize ears and, in connection with this, will judge by weight of shelled grain, small size of cob, etc. All the awards and a full report of the results will be published in November, and a copy mailed to all our customers who engage in this most interesting competition to grow the largest ear of corn in America!





# WHITECAP DENT CORN.

So favorably were we impressed with the glowing reports of the unusual value of this distinct new Corn, grown in Northern Ohio on the borders of Lake Erie, that we contracted for the exclusive right of its introduction, provided the result of experiments and trials at FORDHOOK FARM and the growing crops at its home should prove satisfactory. The illustration of an ear herewith was accurately engraved from a photograph. From the extensive trials at FORDHOOK FARM our Superintendent made the following impartial notes:—

"Grows six to seven feet in height; stalks stiff but rather slender; abundant foliage; large, fine ear, eight to ten inches long, well filled to the tip, sixteen to eighteen rowed; ears two inches in diameter, with small cob; grains large, deep; outer end of the grain white, deeply dented, balance of grain amber-yellow. Grains flat and set squarely together, solidly filling the entire surface of the ear. It is now well ripened and fit to cut, while the fodder is still green and will make a good forage crop."

It certainly is a valuable variety, possessing the earliness of the *Pride of the North* combined with ears of very large size. Our grower says he will guarantee this Corn to mature in *ninety to ninety-five days* after planting and to grow a larger crop on poor soil than any other Corn in the world. The handsome grains are of true Dent type, sweet and nutritious.

**Prices:** Per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express or freight: **Per peck 60 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of two bushels \$3.50.** Ten bushels or more at **\$1.60 per bushel.** Sacks included without charge.

## EARLY MASTODON DENT CORN.

Descriptive of this Corn we quote the following:—

"I claim that it is the largest-eared early Dent Corn ever seen in this section of the country, and the largest grain of any early Dent Corn. It grows strong, rank, quick, and makes the finest appearing shelled corn of them all, being purely Dent, of two shades of white and yellow. To convince your customers that it will ripen with them, just say that it was grown within eight miles of Lake Erie."

Price 10 cts. per pkt.; per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express or freight: **Per peck 60 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of two bushels \$3.50; ten bushels or more at \$1.60 per bushel, sacks included.**

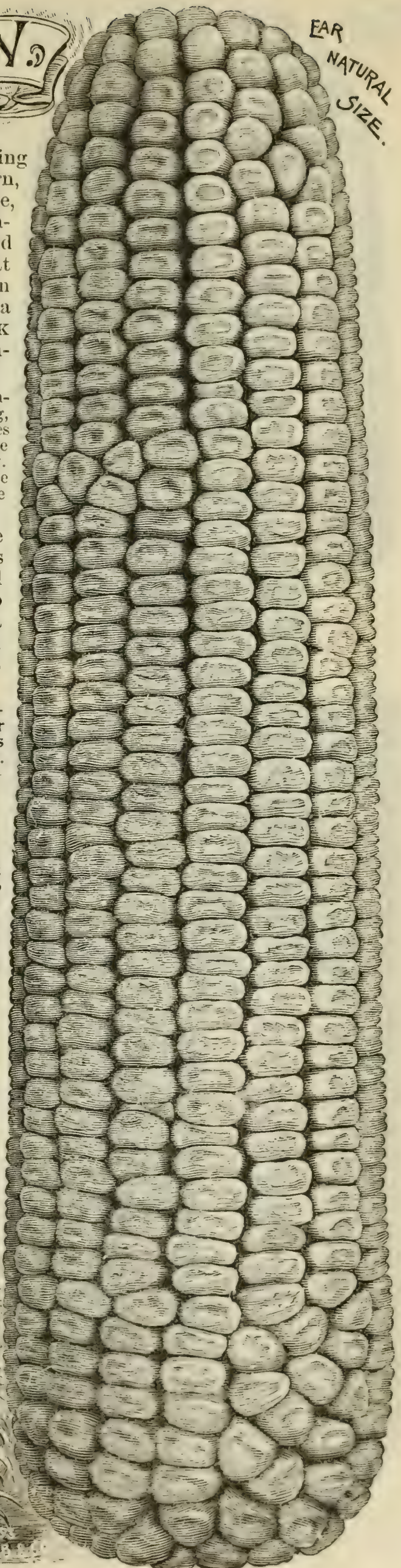
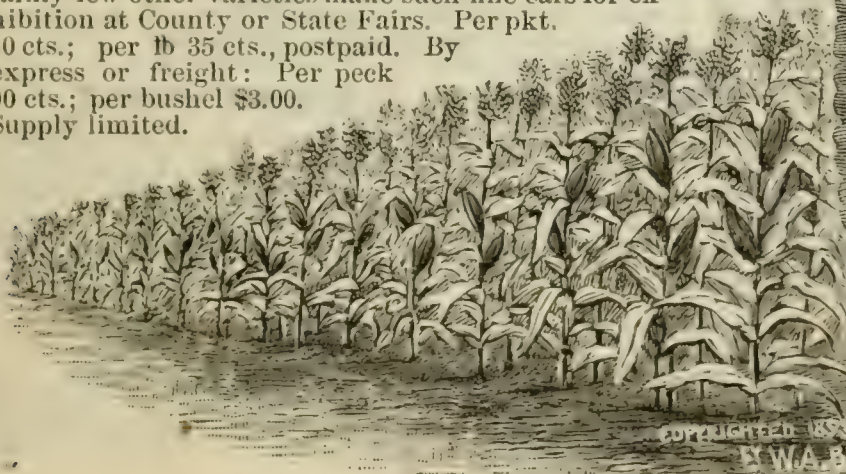
## CHESTER COUNTY MAMMOTH.

It yields, under good cultivation, from *one hundred to one hundred and forty bushels* shelled corn per acre. The ears are very large, containing fourteen to thirty-two rows of medium-sized yellow grains. It furnishes a large amount of fodder, growing twelve to sixteen feet high. It is, undoubtedly, one of the best yellow varieties for good land in this latitude and the South, but cannot be relied upon to mature sufficiently early for the North. **Prices same as for Early Mastodon.**

## NEW CONNECTICUT GIANT FLINT CORN.

This is the *largest-eared* and handsomest Flint Corn we have ever seen. The gigantic ears frequently reach eighteen inches in length and are always well filled. It matures early, and certainly few other varieties make such fine ears for exhibition at County or State Fairs. Per pkt.

10 cts.; per lb 35 cts., postpaid. By express or freight: Per peck 90 cts.; per bushel \$3.00. Supply limited.







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# WATERLOO EXTRA EARLY DENT CORN.

We first introduced this valuable NEW EARLY DENT CORN in 1893. *The illustration exactly represents an ear engraved from a photograph.* It was discovered in Nebraska, where it was brought by an emigrant fifteen years ago. In the virgin prairie soil he has grown it all these years, constantly selecting and improving it, until it was acknowledged he had the very best Corn in all the country round.

Until recently, he would not let any of his neighbors have seed; but such a grand Corn was too good for any one man to keep for his own exclusive use. It attains seven to nine feet high, of heavy and healthy growth; sets its ears three to three and a half feet from the ground, averaging two ears to a stalk; ears well set on the stalk, and ten to eleven inches long; cob red, only about one inch thick; fourteen rowed, well set with large grains; color deep golden-yellow. The whole crop is very uniform, both as to growth of stalk, number of ears on stalk, and size of ears. Will rank among the very best *hundred-day Corns*.

The original grower says of it: "FIRST, it is a ninety-day Corn, and when *Pride of the North* is ready to husk I am always ready to go at my crop. SECOND, it yields more shelled corn to the bushel (seventy pounds of ears) than any other variety, excepting *Pride of the North*, but it should not be compared with that sort, because it will outyield it by thirty bushels per acre. I never sell any WATERLOO CORN on the ear, because elevators take seventy pounds of ears for fifty-six pounds of corn, and my corn will shell sixty pounds every time."

**PRICES OF THE WATERLOO CORN,** carefully saved for seed: Per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., postpaid, by mail. **By express or freight: Per peck 60 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of two bushels for \$3.50.**

## PRIDE OF THE NORTH GOLDEN DENT.

Planted as late as July 4th, it has fully matured by October 1st. The ears have from fourteen to sixteen rows, grow eight to ten inches in length, slightly tapering. The kernels are closely set together on the cob; stalks usually grow six to eight feet in height. Price 10 cts. per package; 30 cts. per lb; 3 lbs. 75 cts., postpaid, by mail. **By express or freight: Per peck 65 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of 2 bushels \$3.50; 10 bushels or more at \$1.60 per bushel, sacks included free of charge.**

## IMPROVED LEAMING CORN.

The Leaming is a Dent variety; ears are of good size, set low down, and nearly always two good ears to each stalk; very small, red cob, with deep grains, of a rich golden color. It withstands severe drought by reason of its earliness in maturing, strong and vigorous growth, and its stocky and leafy nature. It matures early. **Prices same as for *Pride of the North*.**

## KING OF THE EARLIES DENT CORN.

The originator describes it as follows:—"This is without doubt the earliest and finest Dent Corn in cultivation—bright orange color, short, leafy stalks, medium-sized ears, small, red cobs, long, deep grains, very rich in oil and starch—the most prolific Corn extant. This Corn is evidently adapted for planting in high latitudes, and will mature a crop farther north than any other known variety; will shell easier, will make better fodder, can be threshed earlier than any other known variety. It ripens earlier, dries out quicker, stands the drouth better." **Prices same as for *Pride of the North*.**

## EARLY CANADA YELLOW FLINT.

We consider our selected stock the best strain of hard-grained, eight-rowed yellow Flint Corn in cultivation. It matures in about ninety days, and while not so productive as the varieties of Dent Corn, is valuable for the short seasons of the far North, and also for second planting. Per pkt. 10 cts.; lb 30 cts.; 3 lbs. 75 cts., postpaid. By freight, per peck 60 cts.; bushel \$2.00.

## SUGAR CORN, for Green Fodder.

This is better than any field corn for green fodder crops, from the fact that it is so very sweet and nutritious that cattle will eat every part of the stalk and leaves. Peck 65 cts.; per bushel \$2.00; per sack of 2 bushels \$3.50.

WATERLOO EARLY DENT CORN.



## SPANISH PEANUT.

A desirable variety, because it is early and a good bearer; its growth perfectly erect and therefore much more easily cultivated, the plow doing nearly all the



work. Also in harvesting all the peas hang to the root and can be rapidly gathered. Planted in April they ripen in August, and planted as late as July 1st to 10th, will mature full crops before frost. The pea is smaller than the Virginia Peanut, but fills out well, makes no pods. Can be planted close in the row and in the drill, yielding largely per acre. "Splendid to fatten hogs and chil-

dren." This variety can be grown IN THE NORTH; it has yielded abundantly in Bucks County, Penn'a. Per pint 30 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid; per package 10 cts.

## KAFFIR CORN.

The heads are long and perfectly erect, well filled with white grain, flecked with reddish-brown spots. The average height of growth on good, strong land is five and one-half to six feet. The seed heads grow from ten to twelve inches in length, and the product of grain on good land easily reaches fifty to sixty bushels per acre. The whole stalk, as well as the blades, cures into excellent fodder. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb 40 cts., postpaid, or 30 cts. by express.

## BROOM CORN.

By mail, 30 cts. per lb; 3 lbs. 75 cts., postpaid.

**Improved Evergreen.** The best for general cultivation; brush firm, of good length, and a bright-green color. Peck 90 cts.; per bushel \$2.50; 2 bushels \$4.50.

## SILVER HULL BUCKWHEAT.

This variety continues in bloom longer than the common Buckwheat, and is, therefore better for bees. The flour is whiter and husks thinner. Peck 40 cts.; bushel \$1.25. Per sack of two bushels \$2.25. By mail, per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb 25 cts.; 3 lbs. 65 cts.

## NEW JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT.

This is the most productive of all Buckwheat and decidedly the most profitable variety to raise. Sown the same day as the Silver Hull, it ripened a week earlier and yielded almost as much again. From ONE GRAIN planted in a garden the product was 850 RIPE KERNELS. The kernels are at least twice the size of those of any other variety; in color they are also distinct, being of a rich, dark shade of brown. The flour made from it is equal in quality to that of any other Buckwheat, while it is much more productive, and succeeds well as far north as New Hampshire. As the straw is heavier and it branches more, it does not need to be sown so thickly as other kinds. Per package 10 cts.; per lb. 25 cts.; 3 lbs. for 65 cts., postpaid, by mail. By express: Per peck 40 cts.; per bushel \$1.25; per sack of 2 bushels \$2.25.

## SUGAR CANE.

**Early Amber.** It usually grows eleven and twelve feet high and stands up well. When planted between the 1st and 10th of May, the seed almost invariably ripens, thus giving a double crop. The seed is highly relished by poultry and all kinds of stock. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per lb 25 cts.; 3 lbs. 65 cts., postpaid. By express: Quart 20 cts.; peck \$1.00; per bushel of 56 lbs. \$2.00.

**Early Orange.** The Cane growers South give the Early Orange the preference. Per lb 25 cts.; 3 lbs. 65 cts., postpaid. By express, 15 cts. per lb.

## OSAGE ORANGE.

Per lb 40 cts. Postage 8 cts. per lb extra.

Other seed for hedges, as well as seeds of Evergreen and Deciduous Trees, Fruits, etc., can be supplied.



A SINGLE PLANT OF TEOSINTE.

## TEOSINTE.

TEOSINTE (*Reana Luxurians*) somewhat resembles Indian Corn in appearance, but the leaves are much longer and broader, and the stalks contain sweeter sap. In its perfection it produces a great number of shoots, growing twelve feet high, very thickly covered with leaves, yielding such an abundance of forage that one plant is considered to be sufficient to feed a pair of cattle for twenty four hours. In the South it surpasses either Corn or Sorghum as a soiling or fodder-plant. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed, attaining a height of eleven feet.

In this immediate vicinity, planted July 3d, it produced from one seed twenty-seven stalks, and attained a height of seven feet by September 10th, making a luxuriant growth of leaves, which the horses and cattle ate as freely as young sugar corn. About three pounds of seed are required per acre. Price of seed: Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; ¼ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

## TEOSINTE IN NEW YORK.

TEOSINTE.—The plants have made a wonderful growth. The seed was planted in mid-May. July 8th the plants were three feet high, with an average of nine stems, small and large, to a seed. Several plants were cut back to the ground. July 29th the plants were four feet tall, with an average of 12 stems to a seed about the size of sweet corn at the same age. The cut-back plants were two feet high. Cutting back the stalks does not seem to check the growth at all. August 19th the plants were six feet high—the cut-back plants five feet. The stalks were all tender. The longest leaves were four feet and in width 2½ inches. The joints grow so close together that the plants are one mass of leaves. The stems were still small and succulent. We found the number of stems of one plant to be 17, of another 26. On September 2d the plants not cut back were seven feet high, a mass of leaves three to four feet long and two to three inches wide; those cut back were five feet high. On September 17th the plants were nine feet high, the cut-back plants seven to eight. Still the stalks were quite tender and succulent, the leaves three to four feet long. There were no hard, tough, woody stalks as we find in the corn plant at and before maturity. Again, the plants do not lose their lower leaves; they remain as green as do those above.

Except that it bears no grain in this climate, it would seem that Teosinte should prove more valuable as a fodder plant than any kind of corn.—From THE RURAL NEW YORKER, New York, October 5, 1895.



# GOLDEN GIANT SIDE OATS

A remarkable feature of the **GOLDEN GIANT SIDE OATS**, worthy of special attention, is the fact that a good crop can be grown on poor, thin soil, where most varieties would hardly return the expense of growing and harvesting.

They grow four to four and a half feet high, with stiff, bright straw supporting the long heads; they stool freely and yield abundantly. The appearance is well depicted in the illustration herewith, but they frequently grow heads much larger in size. They are **extra early** to ripen.

One of our customers, MR. OMER MAUERMANN, Pe Ell, Washington, sent us two beautiful heads, one of which measured sixteen and a half and the other eighteen inches in length, one containing two hundred and thirty-four and the other *two hundred and seventy-four grains on the single head*. In rapidity of growth and productiveness scarcely any other variety can equal the new **GOLDEN GIANT SIDE OATS**, and the originator deserves great credit for developing so fine a variety. *Last year we could not supply the demand for these Oats, but having harvested a larger crop we hope now to be able to fill all orders.*

Price per two-ounce pkt. 10 cts., or 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per lb. 30 cts.; 3 lbs. for 75 cts., by mail, postpaid. By express or freight: Per peck 50 cts.; per measured bushel \$1.50; per sack of two measured bushels \$2.75.



When we first catalogued the **GOLDEN GIANT SIDE OATS** in 1889 we knew that they were a very productive and sure-cropping variety, but did not imagine that such remarkable yields could be secured from a single packet of two ounces of the seed in competition for the cash prizes offered. **The first prize of \$50.00** was won by W. O. LIGON, Gloster, Amite Co., Miss., who raised the enormous crop of **439 lbs. 5 ozs.** from one two-ounce package of seed. **The second prize of \$20.00** cash was awarded to MARSHALL HUGHES, Sattley, Sierra Co., Cal., whose crop weighed **386 lbs.**, while the third prize was carried off by J. B. DABNEY, Savannah, Davis Co., Ia., with a crop of **354 lbs.** The fourth prize of \$10.00 was secured by A. J. DOORE, Greene, Butler Co., Ia., who raised **347 lbs.**

It seems almost difficult to believe that such enormous yields could be obtained from two ounces of seed from any variety of Oats, but by careful investigation of the reports we were convinced of their truth. And now it will be noticed on the opposite page that *even these large yields have been surpassed* by the **NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS**, which, however, take a longer time to mature. It will be seen that the prizes have been distributed over a wide territory, showing the complete adaptability of the **GOLDEN GIANT SIDE OATS** to all climates of the United States. Certainly no variety recently introduced, excepting only the *New Danish Island Oats*, has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement.

## THE NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS.

See Full Description on Next Page.

MR. WM. F. KUNTZ, Spring Valley, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1895, writes:—The two-ounce package of **NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS** was sown in sandy loam on April 22d and cut August 2d. The average height is from thirty to thirty-two inches. The straw is strong and well bladed. I do not raise much oats, but others that do say this must be a good variety for our lands.

MR. WM. NAISMITH, Falkenburg, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 9, 1895, writes:—One two-ounce package of the **DANISH ISLAND OATS** were sowed on the 25th of April on one-eighth of an acre of rich, sandy loam. Single grains were planted two feet apart and afterward cultivated the same as potatoes or corn. The straw produced averaged four feet in height and *many single grains produced as many as forty stalks*. The yield from a single two-ounce package was three hundred and forty-three pounds.

MR. WALTER W. GOODWIN, Port Angeles, Wash., Sept. 1, 1895, writes:—Last spring we obtained from you a two-ounce package of **NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS**, which was planted May 1st and the crop harvested August 26th. When threshed the yield was three hundred and seventy-nine and one-quarter pounds of fine oats. The seed was sown in drills about three feet apart and six inches apart in the drills, in order to receive full benefit from their stooling qualities. In one instance a single grain sent forth twenty-nine straws. The straws averaged seven feet in height and were *wonderfully large and thrifty*. The heads averaged from eleven to thirteen inches in length, and the oats are remarkable for their thinness of hulls.



# NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS.

IMMENSELY PRODUCTIVE. LARGEST YIELDS ON RECORD.

Among new farm seeds none has had such strong or unequivocal testimony in its favor as the NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS, of which we sent out several thousand gratis packets for trial in 1894. In the closely contested prize competition of last year every State in the Union and all the British Provinces of North America were represented. The interest manifested surpassed that of any previous contest, and although the conditions of growth were unfavorable over a vast extent of territory, the actual yields would seem incredible if not authenticated by the testimony of eye-witnesses and the sworn statements of well-known farmers. Never in our long experience have such enormous yields been known, while our claims for productiveness, plump heavy grain, with thin, bright yellow, and close-fitting shell, wonderful stooling qualities, and adaptability to great diversities of soil and climate, have been more than substantiated.



The **FIRST PRIZE** of \$50.00 was won by MR. SAMUEL CLOSS, Richmond, Macomb Co., Michigan, who raised from *one two-ounce package of seed* the unprecedented yield of **636 POUNDS**, or 10,176 ounces. The **SECOND PRIZE** of \$25.00 was won by MR. C. H. DAVIS, Carmel, Me., whose crop weighed **589 POUNDS**, while the **THIRD PRIZE** of \$10.00 was awarded to MRS. MARY C. BROWN, Davis Creek, Modoc Co., Cal., whose yield was **573 POUNDS**,—*from two ounces!*

The First Prize of \$10.00 for the largest and heaviest head was awarded to MRS. KATE LANCEAUX, Salkum, Lewis Co., Wash. On this single head, measuring *eighteen and three-quarters inches in length*, there were *four hundred and eighteen perfect grains* weighing  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an ounce. The prize of \$5.00 for the second largest head was awarded to J. HERBERT WILLIAMS, East Sound, Wash., who sent us a beautiful specimen measuring  $17\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, weighing exactly one-half ounce and containing 369 perfect grains on the head.

It is useless to attempt to give an **illustration**, as a page of our Catalogue is too small to properly present any of the prize heads. Of the twelve prize heads five were received from the State of WASHINGTON, two from OREGON, and one each from IOWA, ARKANSAS, NEW YORK, WEST VIRGINIA, and GEORGIA.

So great has been the advance along lines of improvement in the development of this cereal that the yields of **New Danish Island Oats** in comparison with previous introductions are astonishing and most interesting. In the *Welcome Oat Prize Contest* of 1885 the greatest yield from one two-ounce package of seed was 473 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, or 7576 ounces, and in the less favorable season of 1889 the largest yield of *Golden Giant Side Oats* was 439 $\frac{5}{8}$  pounds, or 7034 ounces; but in 1895 the greatest yield of the **New Danish Island Oats** from one two-ounce package of seed reached the enormous weight of **636 pounds**, or **10,176 ounces**,—a yield of nearly 200 pounds more than the *Golden Giant Side Oats*, which has always been remarkable for its great productiveness.

The NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS is a very productive late variety, with strong, stiff straw varying in height from four to five and a half feet, with plump, thin-hulled, bright yellow grain, often three grains in a spikelet and evenly distributed over the entire head. The stalks do not lodge nor the grain fall off in stormy weather at harvest time. The straw is exceedingly strong and well bladed, and when sown thinly *as many as forty stalks are produced from a single grain*.

We could fill page after page with **testimonials from many States** showing the general adaptability to our varied climate, of the NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS. We reserve the right to decline *orders by the bushel* when our stock becomes reduced. We think this will be necessary, so that we can fill small *mail orders* throughout the season. Our supply is so limited that we can sell **positively none of these oats at wholesale to dealers**.

PRICES: Per pkt. 10 cts., or 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; **per lb. 35 cts.**, or **3 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. for \$1.00**, postpaid, by mail. By express or freight, purchaser to pay transportation charges: **4 qts. 50 cts.**; **per peck 85 cts.**; **per measured bushel \$3.00**.

## From the First Prize Winner.

SAMUEL CLOSS, Richmond, Mich., Aug. 10, 1895, writes:—I sowed my DANISH ISLAND OATS on an old garden spot, a black gravelly loam, and watered them in the dry spell to give them all the care possible. I sowed them the 13th of April and they grew about three and a half feet high; stoolled well with a stiff straw, and I had the enormous crop of 636 pounds.

## From the Second Prize Winner.

C. H. DAVIS, Carmel, Me., Sept. 10, 1895, writes:—This is to certify that I weighed 589 pounds 12 ounces of DANISH ISLAND OATS on August 29th, which were grown from one two-ounce package of seed bought from you. Average height of straw four feet two inches; planted one oat in a place three feet apart and just eighteen inches apart in the row; hoed five times; kept entirely clean from weeds.

MR. ALEX. A. NEIHART, Lorton, Neb., Aug. 19, 1895, writes:—Last spring I received a two-ounce package of NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS, which was planted April 1st. The straw was exceedingly strong and four and a half feet high. From the two-ounce package I harvested 425 pounds of fine oats.

## Never Saw Better Oats.

JOSEPH KNELL, Summit Hill, Pa., Aug. 11, 1895, writes:—The two-ounce package of DANISH ISLAND OATS was sown on the 20th of April in well-manured soil in hills four inches apart on a rich, moist, sandy soil 20 feet broad and 107 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet long. Each kernel sent up from twenty to twenty-two stalks, which grew four and a half feet high with heads measuring from ten to fourteen inches in length. The straw was stiff and strong and *will stand all kinds of weather*. I harvested the crop on the 20th day of July and received the splendid yield of 442 pounds 10 ounces. *I never saw better oats*.

MR. J. W. ROWLAND, Long's Mills, Tenn., Aug. 8, 1895, writes:—I purchased one two-ounce package of NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS, which was planted March 23d in drills about one foot apart and one grain about every ten inches in the drill. The soil is a rich, sandy loam, well manured and cultivated thoroughly with two top dressings. The height of straw was five and a half feet with as many as *forty-eight large heads from one grain*. Harvested July 29th; result of this test was 423 $\frac{3}{4}$  pounds.

MR. LOUIS RICHTER, Yolo, Cal., Aug. 3, 1895, writes:—NEW DANISH ISLAND OATS are very good; large grains; strong, stiff straw five feet in height.

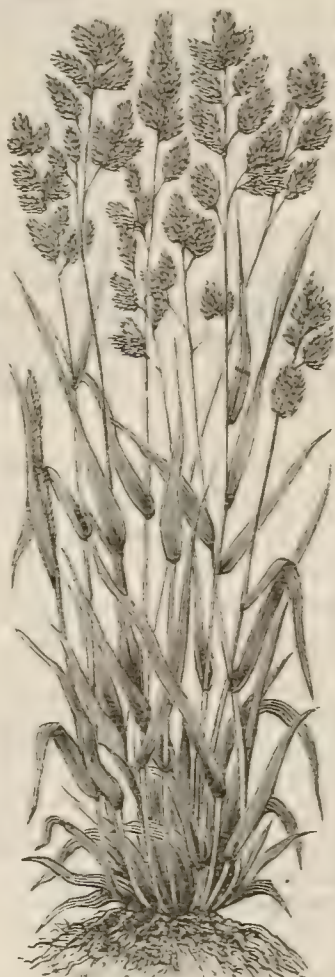


# BURPEES' EXTRA RE-CLEANED GRASS AND CLOVER SEEDS.

In the following list we have briefly described the very best Grasses for general use. Our limited space does not permit extended descriptions and large illustrations, but the seeds we offer are of **best grades only** and *extra clean*:—entirely free from all noxious and foreign seeds. The prices are subject to variations according to the market. *Special prices will be quoted at any time, by mail.* **At prices per pound quoted below, we send seed by mail, postpaid;** larger quantities by freight or express at purchaser's expense.



RED TOP GRASS.



ORCHARD GRASS.

**Herd, or Red Top Grass** (*Agrostis vulgaris*). A valuable native permanent grass, as a mixture in meadows, pastures, or lawns, growing in almost any soil, moist or dry, and standing our hot climate. 14 lbs. to the bushel;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre; for lawns, 3 bushels to the acre. Per lb 20 cts.; bushel \$1.25; per sack (50 lbs.) \$4.00.

**Orchard Grass** (*Dactylis glomerata*). One of the most desirable pasture grasses for stock and for shady places; not so exhaustive to the soil as *Timothy*. Choicest re-cleaned seed, 14 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Per lb 30 cts., postpaid; bushel \$2.25.

**Fancy Cleaned Kentucky Blue Grass** (*Poa pratensis*). Valuable for lawns when mixed with other varieties; thrives best in a dry soil, retaining its verdure in the hottest weather. 14 lbs. to the bushel; about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. Per lb 25 cts., postpaid; bushel \$1.75.

**Timothy** (*Phleum pratense*). The best quality of prime seed. A well-known grass. Weight 45 lbs. per bushel; from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 bushel per acre. About \$3.00 per bushel.

**Sweet Vernal Grass (True Perennial)** (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*). Useful to mix with other grasses for pastures and lawns on account of its early growth and emitting an agreeable odor when cut for hay. About 10 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels per acre. Per lb 60 cts.

**Tall Meadow Grass** (*Avena elatior*). A valuable grass for permanent pasture; early, luxuriant growth and abundant supply, which is relished by cattle early or late; also makes splendid hay. 5 bushels to the acre. Per lb 30 cts., postpaid; per bushel \$2.50.

**Wood Meadow Grass** (*Poa memorialis*). A very productive and nutritive grass, adapted for lawns and pastures. Thrives well under trees. 14 lbs. to the bushel; 2 bushels to the acre. Per lb 45 cts.; per bushel \$4.50.

**Rough-Stalked Meadow Grass** (*Poa trivialis*). Produces an abundant crop of highly nutritious herbage; valuable for either moist or dry soils. 35 lbs. to the acre; about 14 lbs. to the bushel. Per lb 40 cts.

**Meadow Foxtail** (*Alopecurus pratensis*). One of the earliest and best pasture grasses; grows rapidly when cut or eaten down by stock. About 7 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Per lb 40 cts.; per bushel \$2.00.

**English Rye Grass** (*Lolium perenne*). A nutritious permanent grass for meadows and pastures, also for mixing with others for lawns. 26 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Per lb 25 cts.; bushel \$2.50.

**Italian Rye Grass** (*Lolium Italicum*). Thriving in any soil, yielding an early and abundant crop, also for mixing with other pasture grasses. About 20 lbs. to the bushel; 3 bushels to the acre. Per lb 25 cts., postpaid, by mail; bushel \$2.25.

**Yellow Oat Grass** (*Avena flavescens*). For dry meadows and pastures. About 8 lbs. to the bushel. Per lb 80 cts.

**Hungarian Millet Grass** (*Panicum Germanicum*). One of the most valuable annual soiling forage plants, growing in any ordinary soil; withstands the drought. 48 lbs. to the bushel; 1 bushel to the acre. Per bushel about \$1.50.

**Golden or German Millet**. Of great value as an annual hay and fodder crop. Choice bright seeds. Bush. \$1.75.

**East India or Pearl Millet**. Per lb 35 cts., postpaid.

**Crested Dogtail** (*Cynosurus cristatus*). An excellent grass for hard, dry soils; valuable for pastures and lawns. About 21 lbs. to the bushel. Per lb. 60 cts.

**Hard Fescue** (*Festuca duriuscula*). One of the most desirable dry grasses; excellent for dry soils. About 12 lbs. to the bushel;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. Per bushel \$2.25.

**Meadow Fescue** (*Festuca pratensis*). A valuable grass for permanent pastures; very productive and nutritious. About 20 lbs. to the bushel; about 2 bushels to the acre. Per lb 35 cts., postpaid; per bushel \$4.00.

**Sheep's Fescue** (*Festuca ovina*). An excellent grass for sheep pastures. About 12 lbs. to the bushel;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. Per lb 30 cts.; per bushel \$2.25.

**Bromus Schröderi, or Rescue Grass**. A valuable forage plant. 35 lbs. per acre. Per lb 40 cts.

**Creeping Bent Grass** (*Agrostis Stolonifera*). Succeeds in nearly any situation and is good for lawns. About 20 lbs. to the bushel;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels to the acre. Per lb 35 cts., postpaid; per bushel \$4.00.

**Johnson Grass** (*Sorghum halepense*). This grass is very popular in Alabama and other Southern States. It is a strong, persistent grower, and hard to eradicate. It should be cut for hay when it comes into bloom. 25 lbs. to the bushel; about one bushel to the acre. Per lb 25 cts., postpaid; peck 75 cts.; bushel \$2.50.

## CLOVERS.

*At prices per pound, by mail, postpaid.*

**Bokhara** (*Melilotus leucantha*). Affords an abundance of excellent food for bees throughout the entire season. Grows well on poor soil. Per lb 40 cts., postpaid.

**Yellow Trefoil** (*Medicago lupulina*). Flowers from May to August; biennial; an excellent fodder plant when mixed with grasses. Per lb 30 cts., postpaid.

**Lucerne, or Alfalfa** (*Medicago sativa*). Early, productive, succeeds in nearly any good soil, and lasts for a number of years. Valuable for the South, as it thrives on dry, sandy, soil, producing three to four cuttings annually, and even in seasons of severe drought is always fresh and green, because the roots extend so deep into the soil. It grows two to three feet high, with purple blossoms. It yields an immense amount of green food for cattle, and should be cut when first commencing to bloom, or it can be cut and used as ordinary clover hay. It increases fertility of the soil. Sow 8 to 10 lbs. per acre. Per lb 30 cts., postpaid; by express or freight, 10 lbs. or more at 18 cts. per lb.



LUCERNE.





ALSIKE CLOVER.

**Alsike, or Hybrid Clover** (*Trifolium hybridum*). Even clover-sick lands will produce a good crop of this; perennial and very hardy; thrives equally well on wet or on dry soil. Its strong, fibrous roots take a firm hold in the ground, and thus do not wash out. It is very valuable, both for pasturage and soiling; very productive, sweet, and fragrant. The flowers are a distinct light pink and much liked by bees. Sow in spring or fall, 6 lbs. per acre. Per lb 30 cts., postpaid; 25 lbs. or more at 18 cts. per lb, by freight or express.

**White Dutch Clover** (*Trifolium repens*). Thrives best in damp locations, and, while not a heavy producer, is valuable in permanent pastures. In connection

with Blue Grass it affords the most nutritious food for sheep and cattle. Per lb 40 cts., postpaid, by mail; 25 lbs. at 30 cts. per lb.

**Japan Clover** (*Lespedeza striata*). Very valuable for the South, as it thrives on the poorest soils and withstands extreme drought. It is a low perennial of spreading growth, but hardy in localities north of Virginia. Per lb 45 cts., postpaid; by express, at 35 cts. per lb.

**Red Clover, Medium.** Prices on application.

**Red Clover, Cow Grass, Mammoth, or Pea Vine** (*Trifolium pratense perenne*). Grows five to six feet high, with large, coarse stalks, and is largely used for plowing under for manure. Prices on application.

**SAINFOIN** (*Onobrychis sativa*), called also French Grass (Holy Hay). This might be described truly as a land-enriching, luxuriant, heat-resisting Clover. It thrives best on chalky and sandy soils, dry gravel, etc.; also loams and clays, if not too stiff or too deep. Flowers about the same time as Red Clover. It is usually sown in early spring. It is a perennial, and the stand improves by age. Sow four bushels to the acre. 26 lbs. per bushel. By mail, 25 cts. per lb. By express or freight, 15 cts. per lb; 10 lbs. or more at 10 cts. per lb.

### CHUFAS, or EARTH ALMOND.



A species of "grass nut" (*Cyperus esculentus*) much used to fatten hogs. The nuts grow under ground, very near the surface, easily reached by pigs or poultry, and destroyed by them if they have free access. Easily and cheaply grown, abundant in yield, greedily eaten by hogs, which take on firm fat very rapidly from them, they fill a decided want wherever there are a number of hogs to be fattened. Plant in April, ten to twelve inches apart, in two and one-half to three-foot rows. Cover lightly. If the seed is very dry, soak well before planting, to secure a good stand. They mature about September 1st, and lie in the soil till wanted. One peck of seed per acre. Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint, by mail, 35 cts. By express: Per quart 30 cts.; per peck \$1.50.

## CRIMSON CLOVER

(*Trifolium incarnatum*).

**The best crop for Hay, Silage, and Green Manuring,—Fall, Winter, and Spring Pasturage.**

The advent of CRIMSON CLOVER marks the beginning of a revolutionary era in farming. *Never in the history of agriculture has the discovery of a new economic plant been more opportune.* CRIMSON CLOVER was known to a few of our farmers over thirty years ago, but for more than a quarter of a century the fatal mistake was made of trying to reproduce the crop from imported seed. Not until a native strain of hardy seed was developed did the wonderful value of the crop become known.



The great mission of CRIMSON CLOVER is to furnish an abundance of most nutritive forage at seasons when our pastures are dead. It is the source of an unfailing supply of manure,—in fact, *it solves the problem of cheap manuring*; it is the great nitrogen gatherer and economizer in the use of fertilizers. Especially valuable for planting in orchards, berry patches, for sowing among cultivated crops, such as cabbage, corn, tomatoes, tobacco, etc., or in the open ground. Improves poor lands and restores to fertility those that have been worn down by excessive cropping. CRIMSON CLOVER grows at all times except when the ground is frozen. May be planted in spring, summer, and fall. Splendid for re-seeding Red Clover that has been winter-killed. **A Circular describing habits, growth, and uses of CRIMSON CLOVER** will be mailed, free, on application.

Per lb 25 cts., or 3 lbs. for 60 cts., by mail, postpaid. By freight or express, at purchaser's expense: 12 to 20 lbs. at 10 cts. per lb; 60 lbs. (one bushel) for \$4.00; 2 bushels for \$7.50. Sacks and delivery on cars in Philadelphia included.

## Grass Mixture for Permanent Pastures.

"One thing is certain, that good pasture land is the foundation of the riches of a farm."—SINCLAIR.

The base of this special mixture is *Orchard Grass*, which yields as abundant crops as the ordinary mixture of "Timothy and Red Top," and is also a much more permanent grass than Timothy; with the great luxuriance of its aftermath, it possesses remarkable power of enduring the cropping of cattle. Besides Orchard Grass, this mixture is made up of *Northern Red Top* (which grows taller and makes better hay than the Red Top from the South) and a number of the very best imported perennial grasses, which give permanency to the sward, and entirely overcome the great objection to Orchard Grass, which, when used alone, is apt to form clumps or tussocks. All the seeds are of the very best quality and are blended in the proper proportions. From three to four bushels should be used per acre. The price of our best **Special Mixture of Grasses for Permanent Pastures** is \$2.50 per bushel (of about 14 lbs.).

Ten pounds of **mixed Clovers** (which on account of their heavier weight should be sown separately) should also be sown on each acre. We supply a suitable mixture of Clovers, comprising White, Mammoth Red or Pea Vine, Alsike, etc., at \$2.00 per 10 lbs.



## Burpee's "Fairmount Park" Lawn Grass Seed.

Nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a rural home than a well-kept, close, velvety lawn. The first requisite



is good seed, and for this purpose we can confidently recommend "*Burpee's Fairmount Park*" Lawn Grass Seed. This is the very best quality mixture of the finest varieties of natural grasses, embracing such as are of neat growth, hardy, and best adapted to produce a permanent and fine turf. The quantity of seed required per acre is from three to four bushels. For the convenience of many of our customers, who require only a small quantity of seed, we have put it up neatly in **Quart Boxes**, with the illustration and full directions printed on each. Price per quart 30 cts., or 2 boxes (each containing one quart) for 50 cts., **postpaid, by mail**. We offer the seed in bulk at \$1.25 per peck; **\$4.00 per bushel of 20 pounds**.

### PRINTED INSTRUCTIONS,

"How to Prepare a Lawn," will be sent with every order for seed of Burpee's "Fairmount Park Mixture."

A **Cheaper Mixture**, and yet a good one, can be supplied at \$2.50 per bushel of 14 lbs., the legal weight.



SOJA BEAN, OR "GERMAN COFFEE BERRY."

## SOJA BEAN,

THE SO-CALLED

## GERMAN COFFEE BERRY!

Many years ago we catalogued the *Soja hispida* as being recommended as a forage plant. Lately it has had a *new resurrection* and been widely advertised as **The German Coffee Berry** by certain seedsmen, who seem to delight in sensational advertising of "NOVELTIES"—new often only in name. After testing this "*Coffee Berry*" and finding it to be our old friend, the *Soja Bean*, we are free to confess that *we did not try to make coffee out of it!* Now, however, a seedsman in Iowa, whom we know to be honest in his opinion, writes of it as follows:—

"**SOJA BEAN (Coffee Berry).**—During recent years this variety has been largely sold under the name of **German Coffee Berry** at extravagantly high prices, but we prefer to offer it under its correct name. The berries ripen in about four months from time of planting, and produce a crop of twenty to thirty bushels to the acre, and are as easily grown as other beans. When roasted and ground *it closely resembles coffee and tastes quite similar*. Some mix half and half with coffee when using and claim it is superior. Its great value to the farmer lays in the fact that when ground *it makes one of the most valuable crops for feeding stock and adds greatly to the milk production*. Claimed also to be much superior to clover for fertilizing the soil and for pasturing, or feeding the green fodder, of which it frequently yields eight to ten tons per acre. Sow broadcast one-half bushel to the acre, or it may be planted in drills three feet apart and one foot between plants."

Per pkt. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb 25 cts.; lb 45 cts., postpaid.

## LATHYRUS SYLVESTRIS WAGNERII

This is a variety of the wild flat pea of Southern and Central Europe, improved by selection and cultivation. The plant has been highly recommended for lands too poor to pay the cost of cultivation, for worn-out pastures and waste places about the farm, *but as a forage crop it cannot compare with Indian Corn, Crimson-Clover, Cow-peas, Teosinte, etc.*

The flat pea is a rich food for fattening cattle, hogs, and sheep, and *after being firmly established in poor land* yields for years large crops of fodder suitable for pasture, ensilage, or hay. The plant has a deep root system which enables it to withstand great extremes of cold and drought. The seed requires several weeks to germinate, and growth is slow the first and second seasons. We would advise its use *only* on poor, waste, and unimproved sandy lands. Prepare the land by deep plowing and thorough working, and plant the seed in drills one foot apart each way, or scatter by hand over the ground. Keep free from weeds the first season. Prices: Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.; per lb \$2.50, by mail, postpaid.

## SACCALINE.

Last year we warned our readers against the forage plant *Polygonum sachalinense*, extensively advertised under the more euphonious trade name of "**SACCALINE**." We condemned this plant on the highest European authority, and after having fully investigated its merits. The experience of the past year shows that the extravagant claims made for the plant were without foundation.

The preliminary reports of various experiment stations confirm our warning. In addition to these universal failures the reports of scientists throughout the country establishes the fact announced by us one year ago that "**SACCALINE**" is comparatively worthless as a forage plant in America. To those who wish to try it, however, we offer seed of the true variety at 10 cts. per packet.



# AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER STOCKS.

In compliance with requests from many of our customers we offer a complete line of agricultural chemicals and fertilizer stocks. With these materials the most concentrated chemical manures are placed within reach of every farmer. Low-priced and consequently low-grade fertilizers are never cheap; in addition to the uncertainty attending their use, they are to be avoided because of the excessive content of inert and wholly worthless matters on which the purchaser must pay freight. With the materials offered below every farmer can prepare mixtures equal to the best ready-made fertilizers in the market and at a considerable saving in cost. Quotations below are for small quantities and are subject to market changes. Special prices in large quantities on application.

Special prices by letter will be made on the following fertilizer stocks in lots of 1000 lbs. or more. In the fluctuations of the fertilizer market it often happens that the same value in fertilizing constituents can be purchased cheaper in one form than in another. This necessarily follows from the scarcity or abundance of materials and from the special demands of manufacturers. In making quotations we always inform customers of the cheapest source of supply.

We offer a selection from which highly concentrated chemical manures can be readily mixed at home without other appliances than an ash sieve and shovel. Where a number of farmers club together and purchase in jobbing lots we can make specially low prices.

Farmers who have learned the advantage of mixing their own fertilizers will find on this page a variety of the best materials from which highly concentrated chemical manures can be quickly prepared.

## DISSOLVED BONE BLACK.

Prepared from the spent bone black of the sugar refineries. A valuable phosphatic manure for use alone or in mixtures. Contains sixteen per cent. available phosphoric acid.

## DISSOLVED S. C. ROCK.

From the natural phosphate deposits of South Carolina; it contains about thirteen per cent. of available phosphoric acid. Excellent for use in mixed fertilizers.

## FISH SCRAP.

A rich nitrogenous manure for mixing with superphosphates. Contains about eight per cent. of nitrogen.

## TANKAGE.

A kind of flesh meal composed of meat, bone, and other refuse materials of the slaughter houses. Rich in nitrogen and phosphoric acid.

## MURIATE OF POTASH.

This is the chief source of potash in commercial fertilizers and is the most soluble of the German potash salts. Contains fifty per cent. potash. Use in fertilizer mixtures or alone.

## SULPHATE POTASH.

This is the best of the German potash salts for tobacco, sugar cane, potatoes, sugar beets, and other root crops.

## NITRATE SODA.

A quick-acting fertilizer, hastening the maturity of all crops from ten days to two weeks. Best used as a top dressing before or after rain.

Prices: 25 lbs. \$1.50; 50 lbs. \$2.50; 100 lbs. \$4.50; 200 lbs. \$8.00; subject to market changes. Special price per ton.

## LAND PLASTER OR GYPSUM.

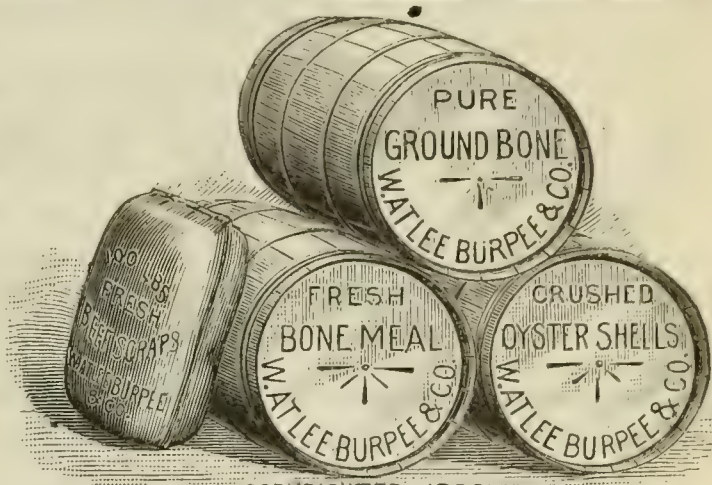
Excellent for mixing with poultry manure. Should be used under stock in every stable and sprinkled over the manure heap to prevent loss of ammonia. We offer the best Nova Scotia calcined plaster only.

Prices: 100 lbs. \$1.25; 200 lbs. \$2.00; per ton \$16.00.

## KAINIT (German Potash Salts).

Valuable for cereals, cabbage, beans, peas, clover, and especially peach trees. Also for preserving farmyard manure and composting.

Prices: 100 lbs. \$1.25; 200 lbs. \$2.00; per ton \$16.00.



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## PURE BONE MEAL.

For orchards and small fruits, grains, and grasses. Excellent for florists' use in mixing with potting soil. 5 lbs. 25 cts.; 50 lbs. \$1.25; 100 lbs. \$2.25; 200 lbs. \$4.00. Special price per ton.

## PURE GROUND BONE.

For permanent improvement of orchards, vineyards, gardens, lawns, and grass lands. 5 lbs. 25 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1.00; 100 lbs. \$2.25; 200 lbs. \$4.00. Special price per ton on application.

Also **Fresh Granulated Bone**, a valuable food for poultry at all seasons of the year. The phosphate of lime and gelatine enter into the formation of the egg, and largely increase the productiveness of the hens, also contributing to the general health and vigor of the fowls, and especially preventing leg weakness. Prices, put up in bags, by express or freight, as follows: 15 lbs. 65 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1.20; 50 lbs. \$2.00; 100 lbs. \$3.50; 200 lbs. and over @ 3 cts. per lb. Special price per ton.

## FRESH BONE MEAL

is prepared from selected cattle bones, fresh from the slaughter-house, and ground to about the size of oatmeal. In this form it is an excellent stimulant for laying hens and growing chicks, and can be used in mixing soft feed for their meal once a day, or every other day. The quantity to be fed is about one tablespoonful for every mature fowl. Prices, put up in bags, by express or freight, as follows: 15 lbs. 75 cts.; 25 lbs. \$1.30; 50 lbs. \$2.25; 100 lbs. and over @ 4 cts. per lb. Special price per ton.

## DISSOLVED BONE MEAL.

A quick-acting manure for all crops. 25 lbs. \$1.00; 100 lbs. \$2.25; 200 lbs. \$4.00. Special price per ton.

## CRUSHED OYSTER SHELLS.

This is a most important article for the poultry yard through the winter, and should be liberally supplied. We handle one uniform grade, about as large as corn, which has been generally accepted by poultry men as the most convenient size. Crushed Oyster Shell can be fed like grain, or placed in a box accessible to the fowls. Prices, put up in bags, by express or freight: 15 lbs. 35 cts.; 25 lbs. 50 cts.; 100 lbs., in kegs, \$1.50; one barrel (about 300 lbs.) \$3.50.

## MANURES: HOW TO MAKE AND HOW TO USE THEM.

Our book for farmers on the home preparation and use of manures. Gives formulas for making highly concentrated fertilizers for all farm and garden crops. Price 50 cts.

See advertisement, page 10.





A YARD OF SHERWOOD FOWLS AT FORDHOOK. *From a Photograph.*

## Change and Renew the Blood of Your Poultry by Getting A SETTING OF EGGS FROM FORDHOOK.

"The hen turns grass into greenbacks, grain into gold, and even coins silver out of sand."—*Farm Journal.*

A setting of Eggs will carry to you intact a share of the best life and blood of FORDHOOK POULTRY YARDS. Below we name, with prices, a few of the most popular breeds. We guarantee all Eggs fresh and true to name; we also guarantee they will arrive at destination in good order and not broken; we ship to any State or Territory safely BY EXPRESS ONLY. We cannot guarantee, however, any certain number to hatch, as this depends on so many causes over which we have no control,—you will readily see the justice of this.

### SHERWOODS (BURPEE'S),—the Hardy All-Around Fowl.

One of the best general purpose breeds ever introduced. They cannot be excelled for hardiness, damp weather seeming to have no effect on the young chicks. Majestic in carriage; close, compact body; yellow bills and beautiful red combs of medium size; bright-red ear-lobes; white plumage; yellow legs. They mature very early, and are good layers of large tinted and white eggs. A setting of 13 eggs for \$3.00. Price of birds \$8.00 per pair; \$12.00 per trio.

### BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS,—the Every-Day Farmer's Fowl.

More kept by farmers than all other varieties combined. The only reason we can give for this is that they are a practical bird all through; that is, they are good layers, good foragers, attain good, marketable size, are of good, honest color, good mothers, and last, but not least, make good eating. They are fine-looking birds, of grayish-white, barred with bluish-black. A setting of 13 eggs for \$2.00. Price of birds \$7.00 per pair; \$10.00 per trio.

### LIGHT BRAHMAS,—the Best Winter Layers.

Light Brahmas have steadily gained in favor with the public. They are of solid and handsome appearance, with white plumage contrasted with brilliant black. Splendid winter layers, producing a great abundance of fine, large eggs when other fowls have stopped. A setting of 13 eggs for \$2.00. Birds \$7.00 per pair; \$10.00 per trio.

### BROWN LEGHORNS,—the Best Breed for Eggs Alone.

These are the most industrious and diligent foragers known, and are, moreover, the very best breed where eggs are desired, no other breed yet introduced being equal to them in this respect. Their feathering is delicate, rich, and distinct,—no more pleasing sight in fowls can be desired. Brown Leghorns have been a favorite fowl with us for over twenty years. A setting of 13 eggs for \$2.00. Price of birds \$7.00 per pair; \$10.00 per trio.

### INDIAN GAMES,—Superb for the Table.

The graceful outline and proud carriage of these birds always excite admiration. The closeness and hardness of their plumage give it a luster seldom equaled, while every movement is indicative of high breeding. They are moderately good layers of richly-flavored eggs, and make excellent mothers. On market their fine quality commands an extra price. A setting of 13 eggs for \$3.00. Price of birds \$8.00 to \$12.00 per pair.

For more than twenty years, in addition to our SEED business we  
have been interested in the breeding and shipping of the choicest  
THOROUGHbred LIVE STOCK and FANCY POULTRY. For offers see

## Burpee's Illustrated Manual of Thoroughbred Stock for 1896.



We feel safe in saying it is the most complete Catalogue of its kind. Conscientious descriptions and illustrations engraved from life and snap-shot photographs. Tells all about POULTRY FOR PROFIT and POULTRY FOR FANCY. ROUGH-COATED SCOTCH COLLIE DOGS, the best breeds of PIGS and SHEEP. We will send a copy of this Catalogue to anyone interested. Write a postal card to-day or ask for it when ordering Seeds, etc.

### Our Poultry Yards and Kennels at Fordhook,

near Doylestown, Pa., are open for inspection to all interested any day except Sunday: cards of admission can be procured at our Seed Warehouse, 475 and 477 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia. We guarantee all stock sold by us to be *thoroughbred and as represented in every particular*, in so far that should there be any cause for dissatisfaction, the purchaser is at full liberty to immediately return the stock to us, transportation charges paid, and we will cheerfully refund the purchase money.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., PROPRIETORS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



# The Best SWEET PEAS.

## Testimony of a Well-Known Expert.

In the extensive trials at FORDHOOK FARM we have learned to know accurately the value of all the many varieties of Sweet Peas, and by being careful to contract only with the most trustworthy, skilled growers to produce our supplies we know that **our Sweet Peas are all true to name and of the finest selected strains.** By no means can this be said of the "**Cheap Seed,**" of which many tons are offered—cheaply grown as a field crop without selection, sometimes badly mixed and often of most inferior type.

Just as we were preparing this part of THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1896 we were pleased to receive the letter published below. To no one do lovers of Sweet Peas owe such a debt of gratitude as to MR. HENRY ECKFORD for his life-work in development of the SWEET PEA OF TO-DAY. In America his labors have been ably seconded by the REV. W. T. HUTCHINS, whose books have been published by us and whose *first Novelty*, DAYBREAK, we now introduce.

MESSRS. W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., PHILADELPHIA.

INDIAN ORCHARD, MASS., October 1, 1895.

Gentlemen:—There are several reasons why I want to write you this fall in anticipation of your annual Catalogue. First, you very kindly contributed toward the expense of my visit to MR. ECKFORD, the Sweet Pea specialist, in England, this summer. While I have, in several articles written for the *American Florist* and *Florists' Exchange*, tried to make this interesting visit as profitable for the trade as possible, I have in none of these articles published the fact that you were to be largely credited with this visit. This is only an item of the enterprise you have shown in keeping up with the great popularity of the Sweet Pea. And I can certify that MR. ECKFORD feels a warm, personal interest in your house.

I watch with pleasure from year to year the thorough work you are doing to secure reliable seed. I visited again this year your *extensive trials of Sweet Peas at FORDHOOK*, and went over them with Mr. Earl, that the stocks obtained from different sources might be compared. Now that the list of varieties is so formidable, and *so much deteriorated stock is likely to find its way into the market*, this careful process of selection seems indispensable. I have come to feel that your house is one great link in the chain connecting the floral public with the originators and best growers of Sweet Peas. Your relations with the largest California growers have also been very pleasant, and as a large buyer you hold a very advantageous position. And then the book, "**ALL ABOUT SWEET PEAS,**" which you have circulated in so many thousand copies. The expense you go to in its publication is less a matter of profit to you than it is a source of valuable information to the floral public.

Now you are to signalize the season of 1896 by the introduction of more NOVELTIES than any other house, probably, in the world. *And they are novelties that I can personally commend.*

I would like to speak, first, of BLANCHE BURPEE, the new white-seeded white, from MR. ECKFORD, of which you were the American introducers last season. Since seeing Mr. Eckford personally and visiting his wonderful floral workshop, I have the utmost confidence in his genuineness as a man and an originator of novelties. And I do not believe he has ever put out a novelty, in which he has felt a more sincere desire that it should do well, than the BLANCHE BURPEE. *It is a grandiflora, white-seeded white, and the first we have had.* MRS. ECKFORD has thus far been one of the finest types we have had, and as I saw it in England, BLANCHE BURPEE is sister to it. It is certainly the result of Mr. Eckford's long, patient work to give us a *grandiflora white that is pure white.*

For 1896 you are to introduce CUPID,—*the first dwarf Sweet Pea.* The merit of this has been recognized both by the R. H. S. of England and the French Society. I have already spoken of it as I saw it in California, and the photographs I have received from there this year are a *certificate of its great beauty,—being all that is claimed for it.* Its perfect dwarf habit has in every instance come true to type.

RAMONA, one of your novelties from Mr. Morse, of California, is a favorite of mine. It has the *finest grandiflora form*, and is of excellent substance. The soft flesh pink stripes on white ground are very dainty, and *its beauty is of the delicate order.* DAYBREAK is the only variety I have ever put out, and I am glad to have you offer it this year. The ground color is white. On the reverse of the standard is a rose-scarlet cloud, which shows through on the front in the fine veins, giving the center of the front a delicate watered effect, of soft rose-scarlet. Only the center is thus clouded and veined, leaving the outer edge white. The wings should be white, although a slight flaking of rose sometimes appears. GRAY FRIAR is a sport from the *Princess of Wales*,—being a white, with just a soft flaking of light blue, and a fine companion flower for RAMONA. These are *all distinct* from anything I saw under development at Mr. Eckford's. I do not see why W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. should not head the procession with their banner of Sweet Peas for 1896.

Very sincerely yours,


W. T. HUTCHINS.

## "BURPEE'S BEST" Mixed—New Sweet Peas.

This new mixture of Sweet Peas which we now offer for the first time is *undoubtedly the finest ever offered.* It contains only grand new named varieties of the large-flowering type. The seed of each has been carefully grown separately from selected stock, and only the *largest-flowered, most beautiful new Sweet Peas* have been selected and mixed by ourselves. As an example of the high standard at which we have aimed we need only state that all the White Sweet Peas grown from this seed will be the famous BLANCHE BURPEE—as we have included no other white variety in the mixture. We have maintained a similar high standard throughout, and can assure all lovers of Sweet Peas that never before has it been possible to obtain "**only the best**" and **all the best** of the new large-flowering Sweet Peas as in this **unequaled mixture,—“BURPEE'S BEST.”**

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.



 A year ago we would gladly have given one dollar an ounce for such seed for our own planting. We then paid Mr. Eckford hundreds of dollars at wholesale for seed of Blanche Burpee at the rate of nearly five dollars an ounce.



# SWEET PEAS.

Fashion's Fragrant, Favorite Flower.

Largest and Finest Collection in the World.

For years we have made a **Specialty of SWEET PEAS**, and are now Headquarters for the seed. We have the largest and most complete collection in the world to-day, as can be seen by comparison of seed catalogues. By the publication of two books on Sweet Peas, of which we have distributed *more than one hundred thousand copies*, and by offering each year a special collection at a nominal price (see lithographed leaflet enclosed,—Seven Superb Sweet Peas for 25 cents), we have probably done more than the combined efforts of all other seedsmen in America to make **SWEET PEAS the People's Flower**.

The great novelty of last year was **BLANCHE BURPEE**, which MR. ECKFORD pronounced *by far the finest Sweet Pea ever produced*. We are now unusually fortunate in being able to offer **FIVE GRAND NOVELTIES FOR 1896**, shown in the Colored Plate opposite, *all of which can be had only direct from us*. The year **1896** will long be remembered in the annals of horticulture as witnessing the introduction of the greatest novelty in flowers ever known,—**CUPID**, the unique dwarf Sweet Pea, described on pages 120, 121, 122, and 123. For this "floral wonder" we received the highest possible awards from both *The Royal Horticultural Society*, of England, and *The Société Nationale d'Horticulture*, of France.

## THE NEW GIANT WHITE SWEET PEA.

"The Finest of all Sweet Peas."—HENRY ECKFORD.

**BLANCHE BURPEE** is a **pure white** of most exquisite form and **immense size**, having a bold, rigid, upright, shell-shaped standard of great substance, and a wonderfully free bloomer.

**BLANCHE BURPEE** is, like all the Eckford varieties of recent date, free from the objectionable notch (in the top of the standard) so conspicuous in Queen of England.



*The New Giant White  
Sweet Pea,*  
**BLANCHE BURPEE.**

**BLANCHE BURPEE** usually bears three flowers on immense long stout stems, the plant being literally bedecked with bloom from bottom to top.

**BLANCHE BURPEE** is pronounced by everybody who has seen it as the finest white ever produced, being a **perfectly finished flower** of the purest white.

**BLANCHE BURPEE** may be had in bloom very early if sown in pots or boxes in January, and transplanted to the open ground as soon in March as the ground is fit.

**BLANCHE BURPEE** should be planted thinly, being a **most robust grower**, and this will allow the plant to **properly develop**, and the flowers should be cut every day rigidly; this will enable the plant to do its best, and by this means you will have bloom from June till October.

The above description is copied *verbatim* from HENRY ECKFORD'S SELECT LIST OF SWEET PEAS for 1895. From Eckford's original seed of this "*the finest of all Sweet Peas*" we have grown a choice crop. Besides many prizes won prior to its introduction, **Blanche Burpee** received **An Award of Merit, R. H. S., in 1895**.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 25 cts.; per oz. 40 cts.; 2 ozs. for 75 cts.

This seed sold last year at 25 cts. per packet of 10 seeds. Beware of other white Sweet Peas, offered at a lower price, which may be claimed falsely to be Eckford's "**Blanche Burpee**,"



# Burpee's NEW SWEET PEAS

JUANITA

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RAMONA

DAYBREAK

PEY FRIAR



ODDITY

BOSSOMS  
AND ROWS OF "CUPID"

PAINTED FROM  
NATURE FOR

W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co.  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

TECHER LITH



# Five New Sweet Peas for 1896,

## As shown on the other side, Painted from Nature.

Besides the unique novelty, CUPID, seed of which in our original sealed packets can be had of any seedsman in the world, we also now first introduce FIVE GRAND NEW SWEET PEAS, which this season *can only be had direct from us*. Of these, DAYBREAK originated with the REV. W. T. HUTCHINS, the well-known Sweet Pea specialist of Massachusetts. The others all originated (as did CUPID) with MESSRS. C. C. MORSE & Co., of California, who, June 18, 1895, wrote us as follows:—

"We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of 11th inst., and are pleased to know that you accept our offer for the new Sweet Peas, and in consequence of same we have now booked you for the entire crop of our new GRAY FRIAR, ODDITY, RAMONA, and JUANITA. . . . We think all these varieties will bear pushing, for they are just as distinct, and more so, than many that have been brought out heretofore. This is specially true of RAMONA, for we had all of them, *with ninety other varieties*, on exhibition in San Francisco last Friday at the STATE FLORAL SOCIETY, and of all none received more compliments or more enthusiastic comments than this one, excepting CUPID, which we had growing there in a pot. Most of the people who saw it thought it the largest Sweet Pea on exhibition."

As nearly as possible in a lithograph we have shown our FIVE NEW SWEET PEAS, on the other side, painted from nature and briefly described below.

**DAYBREAK.** DAYBREAK is the first novelty of his own introduction in Sweet Peas that MR. HUTCHINS has offered, and is *the best original sort he has been at work on*. In color it has a white ground and on the reverse of the standard is a crimson-scarlet cloud, which shows through in the fine veins and network, giving to the center of the front of the standard a fine crimson-scarlet watered effect, the outer margins being white. The wings should be white, but are sometimes slightly flaked with crimson. Mr. Hutchins has had this in his collection for six years, and vouches for it as a perfect germinator, a thrifty grower, and a free bloomer. It is certainly distinct and very pretty. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**ODDITY.** A marked peculiarity is the irregularity of form in the flowers; the standards are inclined to curl considerably. Another distinct feature is that the stems are unusually heavy and strong; they generally bear four flowers on each. In color the flowers are a pale carmine edged with bright rose, giving it the appearance somewhat of a red-edged variety. It is a remarkably strong grower, and with its heavy stem, curly standard, and peculiar coloring, with a sort of netted surface, is certainly attractive, although not of a delicate, refined type. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**GRAY FRIAR.** This is decidedly *gray in color, unlike any other Sweet Pea in cultivation*. The flowers are very large and of fine hooded form, while the light gray color makes a most distinct and pretty effect, both on the vines and as cut flowers. The plant is a vigorous grower and free bloomer. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**JUANITA.** (Pronounced *Wah-nee-ta*.) Fine, large flowers of good substance and the improved hooded form. Color pure white, delicately lined and striped with pale lavender. The plant is a vigorous grower and free bloomer; the seed is small, brown spotted with black. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**RAMONA.** Grand flowers of improved hooded form and unusually large size, rivaling the very largest Eckford both in size and form. Its coloring is delicately beautiful; a creamy-white, daintily splashed and striped with pale pink on both wings and standard. It is a vigorous grower and usually bears four blossoms to the stem. MR. HUTCHINS writes:—RAMONA is a favorite of mine. It has *the finest grandiflora form*, and is of excellent substance. The soft flesh-pink stripes on white ground are very dainty, and *its beauty is of the delicate order*. Per pkt. 15 cts.

We offer these Five New Sweet Peas each at the following moderate prices:—

Per pkt. 15 cts.; two pkts. for 25 cts.; five pkts. for 60 cts. (all named above or five pkts. of any one); ten pkts. for \$1.00, assorted as desired.

**For 75 Cts.** we will send the *Five Grand Novelties* described above, along with a full-size packet (20 seeds) of the new dwarf Sweet Pea, CUPID.

## NEW SWEET PEA,—“CUPID.”

The new dwarf Sweet Pea, CUPID, exhibited at the meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society on the 25th ult., is unquestionably one of the most distinct breaks that has yet been obtained in the Peas grown for the beauty and fragrance of their flowers, and is of much interest as the possible progenitor of a quite new race. It originated as a sport in 1893 with Mr. C. C. Morse, of Santa Clara, California, who has placed the stock in the hands of Messrs. W. Atlee Burpee & Co., of Philadelphia. The plant has a procumbent habit and stout, short-jointed haulm, which spreads on the surface of the soil and produces flowers at almost every joint, with the result that the plants, when in full bloom, are almost hidden by the large, pure white blossoms. When fully developed the height of the plants ranges from five to six inches, while under ordinary culture the rows are from twelve to fifteen inches through.

Mr. Douglas has furnished us with the following particulars: “This Sweet Pea is one of the most distinct of recent introductions, and is in the hands of MESSRS. W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., seed growers, of Philadelphia, who sent seeds of it to England for trial. I had twelve seeds only, three or four of them being imperfect, but they all vegetated, one pea only being planted in the center of a three-inch pot. When the plants had grown sufficiently they were shifted into six-inch pots, and all through they were grown in a cold frame, the lights being removed night and day. The plants have a peculiar habit of growth, and at first might be said to be disappointing. The single stem which is first formed does not grow above three or four inches high, and is very slender; but strong lateral growths soon push out from the base of this stem, and the entire plant forms a mass of snowy whiteness, the growths hanging over the side of the pots and forming a perfect plant not more than about six inches high. Its bushy habit is a great recommendation, as the plants spread over a considerable surface and make a most beautiful bed or border.”—*Extracts from an article in THE GARDENERS’ MAGAZINE, London, Saturday, July 6; 1895, with which also appeared an original illustration of CUPID.*



# NEW AND SPECIAL FLOWER SEEDS FOR 1896

Perhaps no other seedsmen in the world, certainly no others in America, make such thorough trials of Flower Seeds as we do at FORDHOOK FARM. Every first-class seedhouse of course tests for vitality all the seeds sold, but we do much more than this. Each year we grow in the greenhouse and garden samples of all the flower seeds we sell, in addition to all **NOVELTIES** as they appear. This is **THE reason** why so many highly lauded Novelties never find a place in our Catalogue,—because our personal acquaintance with them at FORDHOOK has shown that their introduction could only bring disappointment to our customers.

Always quick to appreciate and recommend any **NOVELTY of real Merit**, we will not burden our Catalogue with a long list of worthless varieties of little or no beauty, simply because they are new. On the following pages of pink paper we offer only such NEW AND SPECIAL FLOWER SEEDS as, with proper treatment, are sure to give entire satisfaction.

## Liberal Discounts on All Seeds in Packets.

ON all ORDERS for SEEDS in PACKETS (whether Vegetable, Farm, or Flower Seeds), the purchaser may select **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS' WORTH EXTRA** for Each **ONE DOLLAR** sent us. Thus for \$1.00 you can select seeds in PACKETS only amounting to \$1.25; for \$2.00, to the value of \$2.50, and so on.

See also our **BOOK PREMIUMS** on pages 7 to 11, and **New Dollar Premiums**, pages 6 and 7.

In addition to the above premiums we endeavor to add to all orders of any considerable size some "**Extras**" of our own selection,—often of rare new varieties not yet catalogued.

**BURPEE'S FLOWER SEEDS** are mailed, upon receipt of price, **postpaid**, to any part of the world.

## The Unique Dwarf Sweet Pea,—CUPID.

According to the advance announcement of last year we now introduce CUPID—the greatest novelty in flowers ever known. We could fill many pages of our Catalogue with articles from both American and English journals as to its unique merits.

The foliage is very dark green; blossoms pure, waxy-white, of unequaled substance, and full size. The plant does not grow over five inches high, and never more than twelve to fifteen inches in diameter.

**VB** The stems are about four inches long, bearing two or three blossoms, all very near the end of the stem. It is a wonderfully free bloomer, and begins to flower as early as May and continues until October. The seed is white and of usual size.

Sold only in sealed packets;—a regular size packet contains 20 good seeds.

Per pkt. 25 cts.; 5 pkts. for \$1.00;  
\$2.00 per dozen pkts.

Half-size pkts. (containing 10 seeds each) per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts., or 10 pkts. for \$1.00.



NEW DWARF SWEET PEA,—“CUPID.” FLOWERS WHITE.

The above engraving reduced in size is an exact reproduction of an illustration in THE GARDENERS' CHRONICLE, London, June 29, 1895, of one of the pot plants exhibited at the Royal Horticultural Society, June 25, 1895, where by unanimous vote we received an Award of Merit for CUPID,—the highest endorsement possible.





A SINGLE PLANT OF CUPID. *Grown in a pot,—engraved from a Photograph.*

## The First and Only Dwarf Sweet Pea,—CUPID

Grows Only Five Inches High!

The Floral Wonder of the Age!

CUPID has excited universal admiration from all who have seen it growing in America, and has *won the highest possible honors in Europe*. We had plants grown in pots exhibited at **The Royal Horticultural Society**, in Drill Hall, London, England, June 25, 1895, where, *by unanimous vote of the Committee*, it received **An Award of Merit**,—the highest honor that could be conferred.

CUPID was exhibited in Paris, France, on July 11th, at an exhibition of the **Société Nationale d'Horticulture**, *Rue de Grenelle, St. Germain*, where it also received *a first-class certificate* as a distinct novelty of surpassing merit.

⚡ Never before has any American novelty been introduced with such high endorsement.

We regret that in the United States there is no similar society from which "official recognition" could be obtained. All seedsmen, florists, and editors, however, who have seen it growing unite in pronouncing **CUPID the floral wonder of the age**,—*such a novelty was never even dreamed of*.

**Cupid**, a chance seedling (*now exclusively owned and controlled by us*), was discovered in 1893 by MR. C. C. MORSE, and **comes absolutely true from seed**. In our crop of seven acres this season there was not a single plant that showed any variation either in habit or color.



CUPID excites wonder wherever seen,—such a Sweet Pea, yet in habit so unlike a Sweet Pea! It has all the fragrance of the most favored Eckfords. The flowers are the size of the *Emily Henderson*, but *with more substance in the petals of both wings and standards than any other Sweet Pea*. It bears two and three blossoms

on the end of each stem,—all opening about the same time, so that it is not necessary to pick a stem with a bud and an open blossom.

CUPID grown in a twelve-inch pot just fills the top; with its blooms of glistening whiteness it is wonderfully attractive in the house, the public hall, or the conservatory. In the garden it will be used chiefly *as a border plant*, for it will bear trimming to just the proper shape. The foliage alone is pretty enough for any border, but this is forgotten when CUPID bursts into a mass of snow-white blossoms, not unlike a very dwarf hedge covered with snow.

Seed of CUPID, *sold only in our original sealed packets*, can be had of every first-class seedsmen in America and Europe at the following prices:—

Per packet of twenty seeds, 25 cts.; 5 pkts. for \$1.00, or \$2.00 per dozen packets, postpaid, by mail to any address in the world. Half-size packets, each containing ten seeds, per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts., or ten packets for \$1.00, postpaid, to any address.



**CUPID for Bedding.** Fancy a solid area of deep green—just as green as Cypress,—a carpet of plants only five inches high, spreading out from the roots so as to meet when the seed is planted two feet apart in rows; then fancy this carpet of deep, living green springing into blossom in one week, all a mass of white—clear waxy-white;—Sweet Peas on stems only four inches long and a hundred on a plant; all white—like a mass of snow. Indeed, so strongly contrasted with the deep green foliage that the purity of the whiteness of CUPID'S FLOWERS seem even whiter than snow itself!

### A DWARF SWEET PEA.

Sweet Peas have crept into the popular heart in a remarkable manner of late years. The most wonderful thus far is the CUPID, which has not been introduced yet, but is now growing in great luxuriance on the famous model seed-farm of W. ATLEE BURPEE, near Doylestown.

CUPID grows but five inches high, and yet this tiny plant is literally covered with perfectly-formed blossoms of the purest white. In the fields at FORDHOOK the rows look like beds of snow. The accompanying illustration shows a field of CUPID in bloom.

This new Sweet Pea has excited the greatest interest among botanists and horticulturalists all over the world. It received an award of merit from the Royal Horticultural Society of England, and attracted great attention at the exhibition of the Société Nationale d'Horticulture in Paris last month.—From THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, August 25, 1895, accompanied by an illustration.

Most unique is the novelty CUPID, introduced by W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. This is truly a dwarf, flowering when but five inches in height. It has already received a first-class premium from the National Horticultural Society of France, as well as a certificate of merit from the Royal Horticultural Society of London. That means very much, as those societies award for merit only, and are not particularly anxious to find good in the efforts of their American competitors.—From THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURIST, New York, September 7, 1895.

### Sweet Pea,—CUPID.

Specimens submitted to us of the new Sweet Pea, CUPID, fully bear out the very high eulogiums already conferred on it by eminent authorities. A really dwarf Sweet Pea is a novelty indeed, and, as such, cannot be overlooked.

The habit of the plant is dwarf and compact, and does not exceed five inches in height; foliage dark green; the flower stems are about four inches long, and bear near the end of the stem two or three blossoms, pure waxy-white in color, of good substance, and fully as large as Emily Henderson. A wonderfully free bloomer, said to begin to flower as early as May, and so continue until November.

Our illustrations show a field of CUPID and a pot plant, both engraved from photographs, for which we are indebted to MESSRS. W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., of FORDHOOK FARM, by whom it will be introduced to commerce in 1896.—From THE FLORISTS' EXCHANGE, New York, August 17, 1895.

Burpee's CUPID Sweet Pea surpasses the most sanguine expectations, and will be the great flower-seed novelty of next year.—Editorial from THE HORTICULTURAL TRADE JOURNAL, August, 1895, in which also appeared, entirely unsolicited, a long descriptive article entitled "Burpee's Cupid Sweet Pea."



A FIELD OF CUPID,—THE UNIQUE DWARF SWEET PEA. Accurately engraved direct from a Photograph.



# We have Thirty=two Thousand Pounds of the Seed!

# Best New SWEET PEAS.

The Choicest and Most Complete Collection in the World!

We were the first Seedsmen in America to recognize the importance of the recent marvelous improvements in Sweet Peas. By hundreds of thorough trials at FORDHOOK FARM we have learned to know SWEET PEAS and the relative value of all the different novelties as introduced. By keeping Purity and High Quality, rather than low prices, our first consideration, we have become recognized as

## Headquarters for Sweet Peas in America.

In the following three pages we enumerate our Unequalled Collection of Ninety=three named varieties. Each is pure and true to name,—vastly superior to the “Cheap Seed” now so largely grown, without proper care in the constant selection that is absolutely necessary to maintain first-class strains.

We have designated the varieties that are now catalogued by us for the first time by a star (\*), but all the others described on these two pages are also distinct NOVELTIES of decided beauty and recent introduction.

**APPLE BLOSSOM.** Large, pointed flowers, shaded pink and rose, with the prevailing tints deepest in the clearly veined standards, most appropriately named. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BLANCHE BURPEE.** MR. HENRY ECKFORD has repeatedly stated that he considers “BLANCHE BURPEE” the finest of all the famous Sweet Peas that he has originated. The Rev. W. T. HUTCHINS, the well-known American specialist, says: “This is the best white-seeded white. It is the only white that is of the true Grandiflora (Eckford) type.” Flowers pure white, mostly four on a stem, of extra large size and good substance. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; oz. 40 cts.; 2 ozs. 75 cts.

**BLUSHING BEAUTY.** Worthy to rank among the very finest. Flowers of largest expanded form, perfect in shape, and of very good substance. Color a delicate soft pink. A very lovely shade. Per pkt 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BOREATTON.** Large expanded form; the flowers are of a rich, deep maroon or dark claret color. One of the most distinct varieties and very desirable for bunching with the lighter colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BRONZE KING.** A new sort of German origin, and while the flowers are rather small it is desirable for its unique and novel combination of colors. Standards of a curious terra cotta tint, supposed to be bronze; wings ivory-white. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**CAPTAIN OF THE BLUES.** The nearest approach to blue. Of large expanded form, standards purple-mauve, wings lighter, shading to pale blue. A noble flower. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; lb 75 cts.

\* **CUPID.** The Rev. W. T. HUTCHINS, the eminent Sweet Pea specialist, says of it: “A novelty it certainly is. It is the only genuine dwarf Sweet Pea, and has sported so at one jump. By some freak of nature it has lost the habits of a vine, and makes a low tuft of short branches which hug the ground, showing no tendency either to trail or climb. But it has not lost the free-blooming habit, and thus its blossoms, which are uniformly the purest possible white, form a low, crowded mass that nearly hide the foliage.” For full description and prices see pages 120, 121, 122, 123, and Colored Plate.

\* **CARMEN SYLVA** (*Laxton's*). Standards purplish-carmine, shading lighter; wings pale blue with a shading of rose; flowers rather small in size. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**COUNTESS OF RADNOR.** A lovely variety and one of the very best. Standards light mauve, fading into a soft lavender, wings of a lighter shade. The whole effect is a beautiful soft lavender. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**DOROTHY TENNANT.** Of large expanded form, the flowers are exceedingly pretty and attractive. Standards a deep rosy-mauve, with wings of bluish-mauve. A lovely companion to the popular *Countess of Radnor*. Very distinct and really an extra fine variety. *Award of merit, R. H. S.* Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **DAYBREAK.** See Colored Plate and page 120.

\* **DUCHESS OF YORK.** One of Eckford's latest and best novelties. Flowers of the largest size and most distinct in color; white suffused with delicate pinkish-purple, producing a striped and barred effect. Largest expanded form; one of the earliest to bloom. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

**DUKE OF CLARENCE.** A very beautiful hooded variety with flowers of the largest size. Color a brilliant shade of rosy-claret, making it desirable for bunching; fine. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **DUKE OF YORK.** Introduced for the first time last season by Mr. Eckford. Standards bright rosy-pink, with a tint of primrose; wings primrose, tinted white. The full effect of the color combination is very beautiful. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

\* **ELIZA ECKFORD.** Another of last year's introductions and to us the most pleasing of the soft shades. Standards a very pretty hue of rose, the back of each being flaked with deeper rose; wings delicately striped with rose. An extremely pretty and attractive variety. *Award of merit, R. H. S.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

**EMILY ECKFORD.** A superb flower, very large and of good substance. Standards and wings are suffused with light reddish-mauve, fading to a light true blue. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**EMILY HENDERSON.** A fine, new, absolutely pure white. As early and as free flowering as *Blanche Ferry*; popular with florists for forcing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **ETNA** (*Laxton's*). Flowers of medium size, color dark crimson, somewhat similar to *Vesuvius*. Not a desirable variety except for its peculiar color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

\* **EXTRA EARLY BLANCHE FERRY.** Identically the same as the justly popular *Blanche Ferry Sweet Pea*, but comes into full bloom ten days earlier. It is of dwarf habit and flowers most profusely. The flowers all have the bright contrast of color which has made the *Blanche Ferry* so popular, the wings being nearly white, while the standard is deep rose-pink, becoming more intense near the base. We can personally recommend this variety for early and continuous flowering in the open garden, and also as unsurpassed for forcing. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 40 cts.

**FIREFLY.** For color this superb variety is unapproached. Of the largest expanded form the flowers are borne three on a stem; standards a deep brilliant scarlet, wings truly a fiery shade. The most brilliant variety yet produced. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25.

**GAIETY.** Splendid, expanded flowers, three to four on long stems, standing out well from the foliage; wings and standards beautifully marked with lively stripes of bright crimson on white. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

\* **GRAY FRIAR.** See Colored Plate and page 120.

**HER MAJESTY.** A beautiful soft rosy-pink, very distinct and handsome. Flowers of expanded form, large and bold. One of the prettiest of the pink shades. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.



# NEW SWEET PEAS,—Continued.

**IGNEA.** Very large expanded form; color brightest and deepest scarlet, slightly darker in wings. Superb. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**INVINCIBLE CARMINE.** The flowers are of an intense shining crimson-scarlet and are borne in the greatest profusion. This is the most popular of all the scarlet varieties. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **JUANITA.** See Colored Plate and page 120.

\* **KATHERINE TRACY.** Of large size, perfect form, and most beautiful. The color is soft but brilliant pink of precisely the same shade in wings and standard, retaining its brilliancy to the last. Long, strong stems. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

**LADY BEACONSFIELD.** A most beautiful and distinct variety. The standards are of a light salmon-pink, wings pale primrose-yellow. Award of merit, R. H. S. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**LADY PENZANCE.** One of the most beautiful of Eckford's introductions. The standard is a beautiful laced pink, touching orange, while the wings are a darker and purer pink. Truly a superb flower, of large size, exquisite color, very striking and distinct. Award of merit, R. H. S. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**LEMON QUEEN.** Flowers of the largest size, three on a stem. Standards delicate blush-pink, tinted with lemon; wings are of the same color as standard, and the whole flower fades to nearly white as it gets older. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **LOTTIE ECKFORD, NEW.** This is the improved strain and must not be confounded with the old sort. Flowers are very large, borne on long stems and of beautiful shade, having a white ground delicately edged and suffused with a lavender-blue. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

\* **MADAME CARNOT** (Laxton's). A color between the rich deep mauve of *Dorothy Tennant* and the pale lavender of *Countess of Radnor*. Flowers of small size and not in any way equal to the two sorts named. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **METEOR.** Truly an exquisite variety. Standards bright orange-salmon, wings delicate pink with slight veins of purple. Altogether a flower possessing rare novelty. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.

**MISS HUNT.** Flowers of medium size, good substance; standards pale carmine-salmon, wings a delicate soft pink. Very pretty and attractive. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**MONARCH.** Flowers very large; standards deep bronzy-crimson, wings purplish-blue. One of the most desirable of the dark-colored varieties. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**MRS. ECKFORD.** Grand large flowers of the expanded form; color a peculiarly delicate, shaded primrose-yellow. Decidedly pretty and most desirable. Award of merit, R. H. S. See remarks of Mr. Hutchins, page 117. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**MRS. GLADSTONE.** Most delicately shaded; on opening, the flowers are buff and soft pink, changing to a beautiful pale blush or light pink. Flowers are large in size and finely formed. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **MRS. JOS. CHAMBERLAIN.** One of the largest and handsomest of Eckford's latest Novelties. The flowers are truly enormous and are generally produced three to four to a stem. The color is very effective, the whole flower having a white ground which is heavily striped and flaked with bright rose; of fine form, very striking and pretty. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.

**MRS. SANKEY.** While the whole effect of the flowers is pure white, a close observation will show that when first opened it is slightly tinged with pink. Of perfect form,—a large, bold flower. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **NOVELTY.** Introduced by Mr. Eckford in 1895. Flowers large, moderately expanded; standards bright orange-rose, wings delicate mauve, slightly margined with rose. Very pretty. Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.

\* **ODDITY.** See Colored Plate; description, page 120.

**ORANGE PRINCE.** Of rare beauty. Orange-salmon standards with bright pink wings. Although the flowers are rather small, it has become very popular. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**OVID.** Quite a gem; the standards and wings are a bright rose pink, margined and laced with deeper rose. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PEACH BLOSSOM.** A very pleasing variety; standards salmon-pink, shaded buff, wings soft pink. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PRIMROSE.** Distinct as the nearest approach to yellow in Sweet Peas; of a pale primrose-yellow color; novel. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **PRINCESS MAY** (Laxton's). Similar in shade to *Countess of Radnor*, but the flowers are not so large. It is, however, very pretty in masses. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PRINCESS VICTORIA.** Very broad, large, handsome flowers of good substance. Standards light scarlet; wings rosy-crimson. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PURPLE PRINCE.** Flowers of medium size. Standards maroon, shaded with bronze; wings bluish-purple. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**QUEEN OF ENGLAND.** Flowers of fairly expanded form, pure white. For the best white we unhesitatingly recommend *BLANCHE BURPEE*,—see page 118. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**QUEEN OF THE ISLES.** White stripes on crimson-scarlet ground; although the flowers are not large, it is a charming, bright variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

\* **RAMONA.** See Colored Plate; description, page 120.

**RISING SUN** (Laxton's). Curious mixture of orange and rose, shaded carmine; wings rose, shading to blush; flowers small but pretty. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**ROYAL ROBE.** Of finest form and largest size the flowers are borne in threes on long stems. Standards a rich but delicate pink, wings a soft blush-pink. A very lovely flower; an exquisite variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 30 cts.; per lb \$1.00.

**SPLENDOR.** Most appropriately named. Superb rose-colored blossoms, richly shaded with crimson. Splendid, large flowers, finely formed, bright and clear. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**STANLEY.** Larger and handsomer even than *Boreatton*. The flowers are produced abundantly in fours on long stems and are of a rich dark maroon. Exceptionally fine for bouquets. The JOURNAL OF HORTICULTURE says: "This is by far the finest dark variety that has yet been seen." Award of merit, R. H. S. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

**THE QUEEN.** A novel combination; wings mauve; standards soft pink; rather dull in effect. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**THE SENATOR.** Splendid, finely formed, large flowers, shaded chocolate and bright brown, and striped on a creamy-white ground color; mottled and blotched. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**VENUS.** One of the best of the newer sorts; color salmon-buff; the standards delicately shaded rosy-pink. Of the largest expanded form. Award of merit, R. H. S. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**WAVERLY.** Standards rosy-claret; wings blue, shaded and laced with rose. Of large size and good substance. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

## NEW DOUBLE SWEET PEAS.


While we have frequently had in our trial grounds plants which produced some double flowers (with single flowers on the same plant) and have been at work trying to develop a strain of DOUBLE SWEET PEAS, we must confess that we do not consider them so beautiful as the large expanded single flowers. It was not our intention to offer DOUBLE SWEET PEAS until they had become more thoroughly established. We have as good a strain as any, but not more than about thirty to thirty-five per cent. of the flowers, as yet, come double from the most carefully selected seed. However, doubtless many will want to try these DOUBLE SWEET PEAS.

From the most carefully selected stock seed, saved only from the best plants bearing double flowers, we now offer the following varieties:—

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| White,<br>Boreatton, | Butterfly,<br>Apple Blossom,<br>Duke of Clarence. | Senator,<br>Splendor, |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|

Each of the above seven varieties at the following prices: Per pkt. 10 cts.; any 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; or the collection of seven double varieties for 60 cts.

We also offer all seven Mixed DOUBLE SWEET PEAS: Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. 25 cts.; per oz. 40 cts.

 An illustration (taken from a photograph) showing the double type is printed on each seed packet.



## OTHER SWEET PEAS. MIXED SWEET PEAS

Bountiful crops the past season enable us to offer the best seed of the following well-known older varieties at prices lower than ever before. Each is *true to name*.

**ADONIS.** The standard is of a deep rose color; wings almost carmine. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; lb 75 cts.

**Alba Magnifica.** A very good strain of pure white. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BLANCHE FERRY** (*Improved Painted Lady*). This fine early-flowering Sweet Pea bears large pink and white flowers, like the beautiful and ever-popular Painted Lady Sweet Pea, but is *very much more free-flowering and ten days earlier in blooming*. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**BUTTERFLY.** White laced with lavender. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Bronze Prince.** The upper petals are of a rich, shining, bronzy-maroon, and the lower of a deep, rich purple. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Captain Clarke** (*Tricolor*). White; standard penciled and flushed with carmine; wings blue edged. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Crown Princess of Prussia** (*Salmon Flesh*). Light blush opening with salmon standards. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts., postpaid.

**DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.** Very beautiful; standard light scarlet, splashed with crimson, slightly margined at the edge with cream-white; wings tipped rose. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**ECKFORD'S DELIGHT.** White, with standard at first crested with crimson, which becomes softly diffused. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**EMILY HENDERSON.** Pure white seedling from *Blanche Ferry*, possessing all the early and free-flowering qualities of its parent. Good, lasting flowers on stiff stems; pure satiny white in color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**EMPRESS OF INDIA.** Large pink and white flowers; clear, rosy-pink standard and white wings; lovely. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**FAIRY QUEEN.** Worthy of a place in every garden for its decided beauty. While the flowers are not extremely large they are most beautiful, being pure white, shaded rose, delicately striped with violet lines. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**IMPERIAL BLUE** (*Grand Blue, Invincible Blue, Imperial Purple*). Pure blue wings, slightly shaded mauve, standard deep, rich purple, touched with rose. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**INDIGO KING.** A dark maroon-purple shading into indigo. Notched standard. A very popular variety. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Invincible Red Striped.** Scarlet ground, white stripes. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**Light Blue and Purple.** Per oz. 10 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**ISA ECKFORD.** Creamy-white, suffused rosy-pink. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Painted Lady.** The old popular Pink and White. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**PRINCESS BEATRICE.** Rose-pink of much merit. Improved form. Very good variety for forcing. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PRINCESS LOUISE.** The standard is a rich, rosy-pink, while the wings are a deep lilac-blue. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**PRINCESS OF WALES.** Shaded and stained with mauve on a white ground in the most pleasing manner. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Purple Striped.** Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

**Scarlet Invincible.** A beautiful rich scarlet; justly popular. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**Scarlet Striped.** Has more white than the *Invincible Red Striped*. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; per lb 65 cts.

**SPLENDID LILAC.** Clear lilac, shading off lighter in the wings. Per oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Vesuvius.** Standards shading into violet, with crimson spots; wings clear blue. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 25 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**Violet Queen.** Standard deep mauve; wings light violet. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; per lb 75 cts.

**White** (*Pure*). Perfectly pure white flowers. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20 cts.; per lb 60 cts.

at Prices from \$2.50 for BEST

to 35 Cents a Pound for "CHEAP."

To suit all classes of purchasers we now offer **Seven Strains of Mixed Sweet Peas** as described below. *The best of these are not grown in mixture at all, but pure selected seed of the choicest large-flowering varieties is carefully mixed in proper proportions by ourselves.*

*We think you cannot buy any Sweet Peas cheaper than thirty-five cents a pound; we know you can buy none better than our best three mixtures at fifteen and twenty-five cents an ounce. Personally we would rather have an ounce of the finest, new, largest-flowering varieties contained in "BURPEE'S BEST" than a pound of the "cheap." And yet much pleasure can be given in any village by distributing a pound of even this cheap seed among ten or a dozen "cottagers" who now do not grow any Sweet Peas.*

**NEW SWEET PEAS MIXED.** This is our own mixture of many distinct named varieties. We can recommend it as a *fine strain of new mixed Sweet Peas*. The seed is now so cheap that lovers of Sweet Peas should plant it by the pound. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20 cts.; per lb. 60 cts.

**ECKFORD'S NEW SWEET PEAS, FINEST MIXED.** This strain, although not embracing the new seedlings mentioned below, contains a beautiful assortment of the famous Eckford Sweet Peas. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.; 2 ozs. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25 cts.; lb. 75 cts.

**ECKFORD'S GILT EDGE, or SURPASSING SWEET PEAS.** In addition to many of his novelties, this Gilt-Edge Mixture embraces new seedlings, some of surpassing beauty. The flowers are also notable for their large size, and from the fact that Mr. Eckford has selected these new varieties with a view to getting three flowers on a stem, all facing the same way, thus making them much more attractive. **ECKFORD'S SURPASSING MIXTURE**, embracing a fine assortment of **Novelties in Sweet Peas**, was the best mixture sold last year, but must now rank second to "BURPEE'S BEST." Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; 2 ozs. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35 cts.; lb. \$1.25.

"1896" Special Superfine Mixed.

*This mixture is composed exclusively of seventeen of the very best Eckford Sweet Peas, excepting the most recent novelties which are only in "BURPEE'S BEST." It is a choice blending of the following varieties (each grown separately and mixed by ourselves), which can be easily recognized when in flower: Apple Blossom,—Blushing Beauty,—Countess of Radnor,—Duke of Clarence,—Emily Eckford,—Gaiety,—Her Majesty,—Ignea,—Lady Beaconsfield,—Lemon Queen,—Orange Prince,—Peach Blossom,—Princess Victoria,—Splendor,—Stanley,—Venus, and Mrs. Sankey.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 50 cts.; per lb. \$1.50.

"BURPEE'S BEST" Mixed Sweet Peas.

*Never before has it been possible to secure such a mixture as this, including the most recent novelties,—see description on page 117.* Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 75 cts.; per lb. \$2.50.

**ALL COLORS MIXED.** A great variety of colors of the older Sweet Peas; the best for the money. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20 cts.; per lb. 50 cts., postpaid. By express, 42 cts. per lb.; 2 lbs. or more at 40 cts. per lb.

**"CHEAP" MIXED SWEET PEAS.** In California Sweet Peas are grown by the hundreds of acres—in many cases from "volunteer seed" (self-sown) without any selection. Certain varieties of the common sorts seed most abundantly, and to meet competition in low prices we offer this "CHEAP MIXED" at **thirty-five cents per pound, postpaid—BUT we do not recommend it.** It will, of course, please thousands to whom a SWEET PEA is a SWEET PEA and who have not yet learned to know how much more beautiful are the improved large-flowered Sweet Peas of to-day. Per ounce 5 cts.; 3 ozs. for 10 cts.; per lb. 35 cts., or 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid. By express, at expense of purchaser, 27 cts. per lb.; 2 lbs. or more at 25 cts. per lb.







## NEW JAPANESE ASTERS.

MESSRS. VILMORIN-ANDRIEUX & Co., seedgrowers of France, describe these Asters as follows:—

The beautiful flowers of this new strain of Asters offer a most striking contrast with those of any other variety. They are of immense size, measuring from five to six inches across, with long petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblance with the most disheveled Japanese Chrysanthemums. It is a vigorous growing plant, fourteen or fifteen inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of those enormous flowers.

It has obtained a first-class certificate from the French National Horticultural Society, which it well deserves, as may be seen by the accompanying engraving, which is a true representation of it.

We offer two beautiful colors,—**Flesh colored** and **Rose**,—each separate or both **Mixed**.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

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## NEW AMERICAN ASTER,—MARY SEMPLE.

This is an American novelty of unusual merit,—sure to become popular even in Germany. Grown at FORDHOOK FARM it attracted much attention when in full flower during August and September. It grows two feet high and, owing to its free-branching habit, each plant should be allowed sufficient space for its full development. The superb large, double flowers, in great profusion, are most beautiful,—of a *very soft but deep shade of rosy flesh*. These lovely flowers are borne upon stems twelve inches long and are most desirable for cutting. *Truly a Gem!*

Per pkt. 15 cts., 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

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## NEW PÆONY-FLOWERED ASTER,—“SURPRISE.”

Three years ago a French grower found in a bed of Pæony-Flowered Asters one plant showing both self-colored flowers and others that were partly rose, partly chamois-colored. An example of dichroism is not unusual in Dahlias, Verbenas, and Zinnias, but this is the first time that it has been noticed in Asters. The plants grown from the seed of this extraordinary plant showed the same peculiar character. *Truly a most curious flower!*

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

*One packet each of The Four New Asters, described above, for 50 cts.*





A SINGLE PLANT OF COMET ASTER.

## NEW COMET ASTERS.

As now developed, this magnificent new tribe of Asters comes perfectly true in character; the plants, twelve to fifteen inches high, form regular pyramids completely covered with superb, large, double flowers, of an intensely artistic beauty. The illustration shows how closely the beautiful flowers, with their artistically curved and twisted petals, resemble the finest Chinese chrysanthemums. Of unusual and really unique beauty. We take much pleasure in offering several new colors.

**BRIGHT LIGHT BLUE BORDERED WHITE.** Fresh and attractive. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**CLEAR CARMINE.** A very showy and strikingly brilliant color. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**LILAC BORDERED WITH WHITE.** A lovely combination. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**NEW GIANT WHITE COMET ASTER.** The large illustration in last year's Catalogue shows the size and wonderful perfection of the grand flowers. *Clear, purest white.* Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**PURE LILAC.** A delightful tone of fine lilac is shown in this selection. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**FINEST MIXED COMET ASTERS.** All of the above colors of Comet Asters in unequalled mixture. The most strikingly beautiful strain of Asters known to-day. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**NEW GIANT COMET ASTERS, Mixed.** This is a new strain from France, with flowers of larger size; all colors. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

*Any three varieties of the above, excepting the Giant, for 25 cts.*

**NEW WHITE-BRANCHING ASTER.** A new variety, of American origin. Of branching character, the magnificent large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter, are borne upon long stems, making them excellent for cutting. The long, broad petals are frequently twisted and curled in such a manner as to give the blossom the appearance of a large, graceful chrysanthemum. *We cannot recommend this distinct New White Aster too highly for cut flowers.* The seed is all of our own growing at FORDHOOK FARM. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**FORDHOOK Favorites among ASTERS.** Besides a large area of the best fancy varieties of Asters growing for seed at FORDHOOK FARM each season, we have had over five hundred separate and distinct trials in the open ground. From these we have selected seed of the very best varieties, grown separately. This special mixture of FORDHOOK FAVORITES includes the *New Comet Asters* of all colors, *Triumph* and *White-Branching Asters*, and all colors of the best *Victoria*, *Pæony-Flowered Perfection*, and *Large-Flowering Queen Asters*. We are confident that never before has an equal assortment of Asters been offered in any collection. We recommend our customers to plant liberally, knowing that the result will be most gratifying. It is truly an unrivaled mixture.

Price per extra large packet, 25 cts.; per half-size packet, 15 cts.

## THE YELLOW ASTER.—A Long-sought-for NOVELTY.

"And if this sought-for climax is ever reached, and science, creeping along the path of experiment, so invades the realm of Nature that a blue chrysanthemum or A YELLOW ASTER can be produced at will, the question still remains, has Nature been made more beautiful thereby?"

After the many vain attempts of years past a **YELLOW ASTER** has really been produced. Just how far "Nature has been made more beautiful thereby" we leave to the individual judgment of each planter, but are sure that many will welcome the unexpected novelty of A **YELLOW ASTER**!

The form of the double flower is a perfect ball; the quills are close together and of the *brightest sulphur yellow*, not a mere indication of the color, as in all former productions. The border petals are broad and of a lighter tint, seeming to enclose the flower like an old-fashioned bouquet paper. The flowers are borne upon long, erect stems, excellent for cutting. As shown in the illustration, the plants, twelve to fifteen inches high, are of compact, bushy growth, and most abundant bloomers.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



A PLANT OF THE YELLOW ASTER.



# BURPEE'S

# DEFIANCE BALSAM

Of the hundreds of visitors to our seed grounds annually, every one freely admits that BURPEE'S DEFIANCE BALSAMS are decidedly the largest and finest they have ever seen, while many are amazed that such remarkable perfection could have been secured even by long-continued selection.

**BURPEE'S DEFIANCE** are certainly unequalled in uniform doubleness and large size of flowers.

Of such substance are the large double flowers that many of the plants, although crowded with bloom, yield but two or three fertile pods of seed. The seed, consequently, unless the strain should be allowed to deteriorate, must always be high in price. We offer eight colors of this strain:—

**Chamois-Rose.** A rare shade of chamois-rose, deepening toward the center; the flowers measure over two inches across.

**Pure Pink.** The large, perfectly double flowers are of a beautiful pure pink.

**Rose, White Spotted.** A lovely shade of rose, delicately spotted with white.

**Royal Purple.** The nearest approach to deep blue; it well merits its name; flowers are very large and full.

**Scarlet, White Spotted.** Immense flowers of a glowing scarlet, spotted white.

**Shining Scarlet.** Of intense brilliancy, this color does not quite equal the others in substance of flower, but is the very best scarlet yet obtained.

**Violet, White Spotted.** Flowers a rich violet, distinctly spotted with white.

**White, Tinted Lilac.** This is a most excellent Balsam for florists' designs, as the general effect is white, relieved by a delicate shading of lilac at the center.

**PRICES** of each separate color named above, **10 cts. per packet**, any **3 packets for 25 cts.**, or any **6 packets for 50 cts.** The entire collection of eight colors, together with one packet finest mixed, for **75 cts.**

## BURPEE'S DEFIANCE BALSAMS.

**FINEST MIXED.** This mixture is composed, in nearly equal proportions, of all the above eight colors—each grown separately.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

## TWO NEW BALSAMS

Of Most Unusual Beauty.

**FORDHOOK FANCY.** The rather dwarf plants branch freely into dense, bushy forms; each branch, from base to top, is fairly loaded with perfectly beautiful flowers. The individual flowers are often two inches across; the petals are beautifully reflexed, exhibiting unequalled tones of soft, rich, salmon-pink colors, which fairly glow with mellow light. The wonderfully free-flowering habit of this plant and its exquisite colors will delight everyone. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**FORDHOOK TRICOLOR.** This remarkable variety is striking in the color of the flowers, which, as the name signifies, are three colored—first, a white ground, then, in high contrast, irregular, bright-red stripes, which seem to cast a soft shade of pink, the three colors showing distinctly. The plants make a beautiful growth, and bear superb spikes of flowers in great profusion. The flowers of this unusual variety are so double that they form little seed. The most remarkable Balsam in cultivation. Per small pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



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# FORDHOOK GIGANTIC TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIAS.

Selected, Hybridized, and Grown at Fordhook Farm.

Originally introduced from the Andes Mountains of South America, these vigorous and brilliant tuberous-rooted plants are now first favorites.

The gigantic size, lasting substance, and vividly rich colors of the flowers as grown at FORDHOOK FARM are proof of the wonders that may be done by careful cultivation and skillful cross-fertilization. The illustration from nature shows the type of flower, while we have measured single blooms *six inches across*. The fascinatingly clear colors range from ivory-white and flaming scarlet through shades of bright bronzy-yellow, light and dark crimson, orange, pink, ruby-red, and rose. The gorgeous effect of the perfectly reflexed flowers is emphasized by the beautiful and abundant foliage, which resists the summer suns and beating rains, all the while keeping as showy and distinct as Begonias grown for foliage alone.

The strain here offered is grown at FORDHOOK FARM from the best collection of distinctly *tuberous-rooted varieties* possible to secure. For hardiness, vigor, and profusion of bloom for a long season this selection cannot be surpassed. The seeds germinate easily, and sown in January or February will flower the first season. Sown as late as June, fine tubers can be had for the following season. It is really remarkable that these rare flowers are so easily grown and cared for. We give in our little treatise, "RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED," full directions for cultivation, free. See page 143.

**Fordhook Gigantic Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, Single, mixed.** This selection was carefully hybridized and grown at FORDHOOK FARM, and is unsurpassed. We recommend the single varieties as the best for general purposes. Per pkt. 25 cts.

**Double Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, mixed.** Carefully hybridized. Per small pkt. 25 cts.



We also offer BULBS of Tuberous-Rooted BEGONIAS as follows:—

**Single varieties in finest mixture.** Grand in size and colors. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts., or \$1.50 per doz.

**Single varieties in separate colors—Crimson, Pink, White, Yellow, and Orange—at 25 cts. each, or \$2.50 per doz., purchaser's choice of colors.**

**Double varieties in finest mixture.** These are too expensive for general use for bedding, but are so magnificent that single specimen plants attract universal admiration. Very choice for pot culture. Price 50 cts. each; 5 for \$2.25, or \$5.00 per doz., postpaid.

## The Ornamental Leaved,—BEGONIA REX.

The leaves are very large, measuring from eight to ten inches in length, wonderfully handsome in colors and varied in markings. Some have a black center surrounded by a silver ribbon; in others the leaves are of a rich, silvery appearance throughout, while others combine

silver with purple. The leaves are borne upon strong stems, thickly set with tiny little spines. A packet of seed will give so wide a range of colors that no two plants can be found alike. The seed we offer is of our own saving at FORDHOOK FARM.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



BEGONIA REX.

## BEGONIA ERFORDIA.

This distinct novelty is a most profuse bloomer from early summer until late autumn; even a light frost will not hurt it. The color of the flower is a lovely soft pink throughout, which does not fade even in the hottest summer days, when most other flowers seem to wither. The leaves and leaf stalk are of a coppery-bronze of a rich shade, affording a most effective background for the flowers. At FORDHOOK FARM few flowers were more admired than a bed of *Begonia Erfordia* surrounding *Musa Ensete* in the center. The seed is produced each year by careful cross-fertilization at FORDHOOK FARM.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



## Dwarf Marguerite Carnations,—GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA.

Everyone knows and admires THE MARGUERITE CARNATIONS. They are invaluable from the fact that they can be treated as Annuals, inasmuch as from seed sown in the open ground in the spring they come into bloom in four months and flower as freely as the Annual Dianthus, while they possess the beauty and fragrance of the old Carnations and are hardy, living from year to year. We have repeatedly visited the gardens of the originator in Southern Italy, and in 1892 the originator showed us several plants bearing flowers of remarkable size, and said that he hoped in a few years to have a new strain of MARGUERITE CARNATIONS with flowers nearly double the size then known.

Our customers can well imagine our delight when, in the spring of 1895, while in Southern California, we unexpectedly discovered that a private planter had so developed THE MARGUERITE CARNATION that he already had a stock bearing flowers as large in size and as beautiful in form as the few plants which we had seen growing in Italy.

THE GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA DWARF MARGUERITE CARNATIONS were fairly presented, painted from nature, in the Colored Plate last year, while the dwarf, compact, bushy habit and free-flowering character of the plant is shown in the illustration herewith.



THE NEW GIANT-FLOWERED WHITE MARGUERITE CARNATION.

*A single plant, carefully reproduced from a Photograph.*

The flowers, of perfect form, embrace many brilliant colors, and although of greatly increased size they do not burst the calyx. All will be delighted with this new strain by reason of the grand flowers, freedom of bloom, and the fact that they flower as quickly from seed as do the original MARGUERITE CARNATIONS, possessing the same delicious fragrance.

Finest Colors, Mixed, per pkt. 15 cts.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We have secured again the entire crop of seed grown by the originator, but, unfortunately, the supply is very limited,—not nearly sufficient to supply the same demand as last year. Therefore we request that, should you not order until after February, you will tell us what other seed you wish if our stock of this is entirely exhausted;—or we will return the money, whichever you may prefer. We might here state that our stock of THE ORIGINAL DWARF MARGUERITE CARNATIONS, grown in Germany, is very choice,—much better than the Italian seed generally sold. See page 147.

## BURPEE'S GEM COLLECTION FOR 1896.

TEN PACKETS BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR 25 CENTS.

To beautify home surroundings it is not necessary to go to great expense or labor. So little as **Twenty-Five Cents** will buy **ten varieties of beautiful hardy Annuals**, such as will grow and thrive everywhere. In order to extend the love for flowers we have each season, for many years past, grown certain choice varieties in large areas, so as to be able to prepare this **GEM COLLECTION**. We try to improve each season, and for 1896 offer—

**For 25 Cts.** one packet each of all the following: **AMARANTHUS**, New Coleus-Leaved; **ASTERS**, Fordhook Favorites, a special mixture of the finest varieties; **BALSAM**, Burpee's Defiance, an unequalled mixture; **HELIANTHUS**, Dwarf Multiflora, the most beautiful new Sunflower; **MIGNONETTE**, Giant Gabrielle; **NASTURTIUMS**, Fordhook Finest, including the new hybrids of *Madame Gunter*; **Three New PANSIES**, Kaiser Frederick, Meteor, and Peacock; **Three Largest-Flowering New PETUNIAS**, Burpee's Defiance, Giant Emperor, and Giants of California; **New Hortensiaeflora PHLOX**, with hydrangea-like flower-clusters, and **RICINUS Zanzibarensis**, the new Gigantic Castor-Oil Bean from Africa.

**TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** buys the ten varieties as above, with illustration and directions for culture printed on each packet. **Five Complete Collections** mailed for **One Dollar**, BUT in this case we cannot afford to allow the purchaser to select any of the extra premiums offered on page 6.

This idea is original with us, and in the past twenty years we have thus induced thousands to begin the culture of BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FROM SEED. The offer certainly gives "**much for little**," but not "**something for nothing**," as announced in some sensational advertisements. In every case the **quality is first-class**,—identically the same as if the seeds were purchased separately at the regular prices of ten and fifteen cents per packet.



W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.



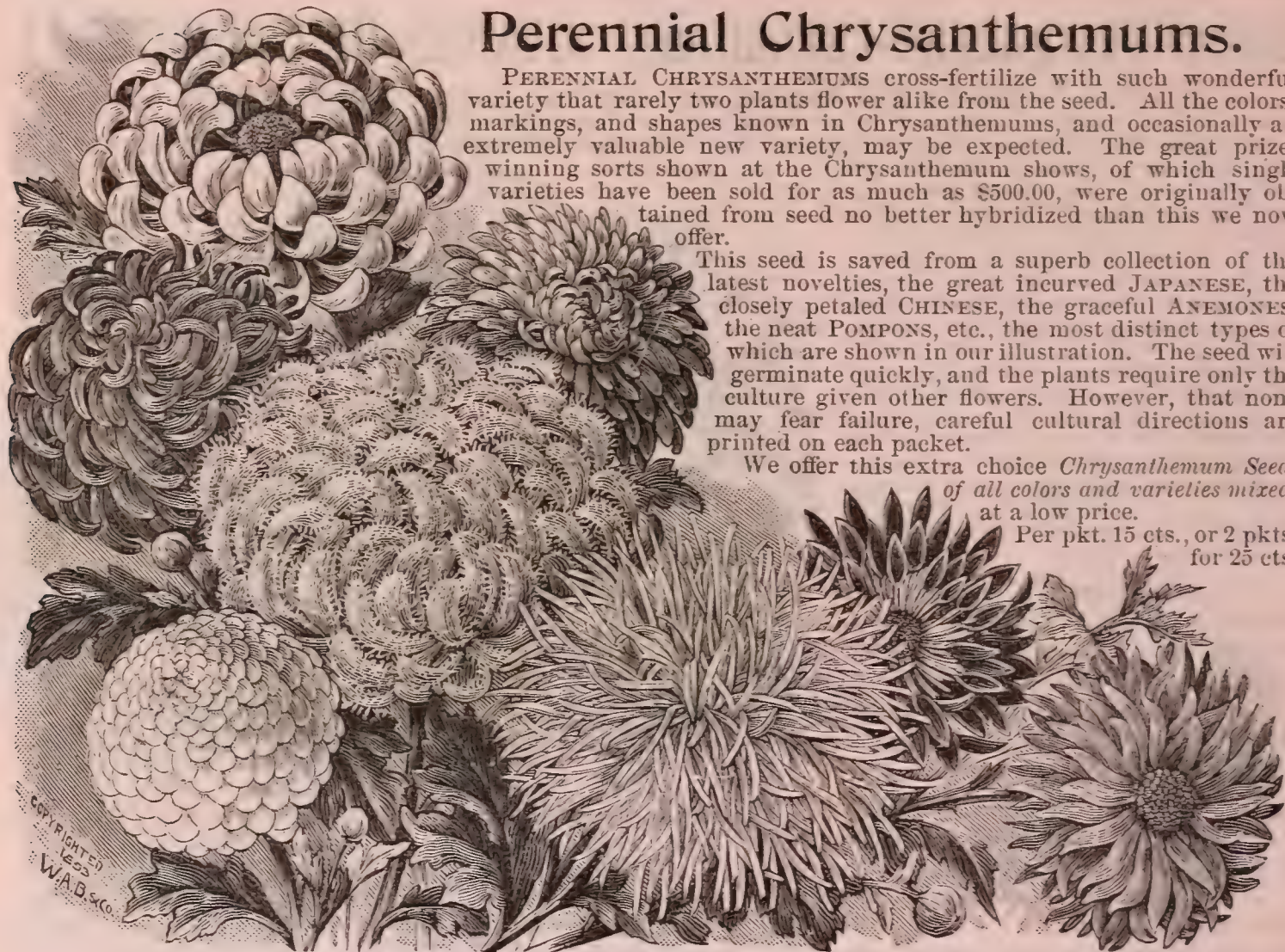
## Perennial Chrysanthemums.

PERENNIAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS cross-fertilize with such wonderful variety that rarely two plants flower alike from the seed. All the colors, markings, and shapes known in Chrysanthemums, and occasionally an extremely valuable new variety, may be expected. The great prize-winning sorts shown at the Chrysanthemum shows, of which single varieties have been sold for as much as \$500.00, were originally obtained from seed no better hybridized than this we now offer.

This seed is saved from a superb collection of the latest novelties, the great incurved JAPANESE, the closely petaled CHINESE, the graceful ANEMONES, the neat POMPONS, etc., the most distinct types of which are shown in our illustration. The seed will germinate quickly, and the plants require only the culture given other flowers. However, that none may fear failure, careful cultural directions are printed on each packet.

We offer this extra choice *Chrysanthemum Seed*, of all colors and varieties mixed, at a low price.

Per pkt. 15 cts., or 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



## Cockscomb,—New Dwarf Royal Purple.

The past season this grand new variety again proved in our trial grounds *the very best of all the improved dwarf Cockscombs*. The plants are of very dwarf, compact growth; the immense, perfect combs are of the darkest purple imaginable. Per pkt. 10 cts.

## New Climbing Convolvulus,—Imperial Japanese.

These grand new MORNING GLORIES from Japan are remarkable for *the large size and exquisite new colors of the flowers*, with magnificent foliage, often beautifully blotched. Of strong, robust growth, the vines grow quickly to a height of *twenty to thirty feet*.

"The surpassing charm of these *Imperial Japanese Morning Glories* lies in the entrancing beauty and gigantic size of the flowers; they measure from four to six inches across, and their greater substance causes them to remain open much longer than ordinary Morning Glories. The colors of the flowers, shadings, and markings are *limitless*, and are really wonders of nature, of such incomparable beauty that descriptions are inadequate."

All colors, finest mixed, per pkt. 10 cts.

## New Giant Coreopsis,—Golden Glory.

GOLDEN GLORY, so named by the originator, possesses the habit of growth which has made the *Coreopsis lanceolata* so popular, the beautiful yellow flowers being borne upon long stems, most excellent for cutting, while they have been almost if not quite *doubled in size*, of richer and deeper yellow color; the petals are broader, overlapping, and beautifully fringed. The perfect circular flowers *average three and a half inches in diameter*.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## New Mammoth Cosmos,—Giants of California.

This new strain of Cosmos is notable both for *purity of color* and the *gigantic size of its flowers*. The broad petals overlap each other, producing perfectly circular flowers of splendid substance, *which measure four to five inches across*. The colors are pure white or delicate clear pink. The plants, five to six feet high, are one mass of feathery, fern-like foliage, studded with the mammoth flowers long after most other plants have succumbed to the early frosts.

The price of seed, either of the **Giant Pure White** or **Giant Pink**, separate, is 15 cts. per pkt., or the 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; **both colors Mixed**, per pkt. 10 cts., or 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## New Compact Blue DELPHINIUM.

Shown in our Colored Plate of last year, this will become very popular, not only because of its great beauty, but also owing to the scarcity of *really good blue flowers*. These flowers have the beautiful rich shades of *true blue* found in *Delphinium formosum*, but are of much more graceful growth. From the delicate, deep-green foliage, but six inches high, the spikes of flowers rise six inches or more,—making the plants about one foot in height, and a mass of intense blue that excites great admiration. From seed planted on May 11th they were in bloom the last of July.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.





This new strain of **LARGE-LEAVED COLEUS** has been so improved since it was first offered that it is now *simply superb*. The matchless plants are very vigorous and healthy, growing in a short time to an unusually large size. The leaves are really wonderful, extremely large, and of lasting substance, curled and serrated in a beautiful manner; the colors, variegations, and markings are regally rich and brilliant. The diversity of shades and combinations of colors are most agreeable, —seldom is it possible to find two plants alike. With all their brilliant beauty the plants are as easily grown from seed as the common Coleus. In our beds at FORDHOOK FARM we have measured frequently leaves *ten to thirteen inches long by nine and twelve inches broad*.

In order to see to just what size these giant beauties could be grown, we offered last season cash prizes amounting to \$100.00 for the largest leaves mailed (pressed flat between cardboards) by any of our customers. The many mammoth leaves received were a feature of our daily mails during August and September. The first prize of \$50.00 was won by Mr. M. S. ROSE, Fitchburg, Mass., who sent us a *grand leaf which measured sixteen and three-eighths inches long by twelve and seven-eighths inches broad*.  
Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; 4 pkts. for 50 cts.

**Superfine Sunset.** THE LARGE-LEAVED SUNSET COLEUS is undoubtedly *the largest leaved and most gorgeously colored ever developed*. So enthusiastic was a well-known seedsman on viewing our beds the past season that he requested us to allow his artist in New York to have some of the leaves to paint for a colored plate for his catalogue for 1896. We informed him that so great was the demand from our own customers at retail that we could not spare any of the seed at wholesale.

From careful cross-fertilization by hand of the plants producing the largest and most brilliantly-colored leaves we are constantly improving BURPEE'S SUNSET STRAIN OF COLEUS.

The past season we cross-fertilized and "ribboned" choice plants which have borne more seed than we need for our own planting. It is this *stock seed* (the same as we plant ourselves), which ordinarily could not be purchased at any price, that we now offer as SUPERFINE SUNSET at the price of 25 cts. per small pkt., or 5 pkts. for \$1.00.

## New Coleus,—Fancy Fringed and Laciniated.



The half of a leaf here illustrated was drawn from nature; it shows one of the many odd forms of the new Fancy Fringed Coleus, as grown at FORDHOOK.

of these beautiful varieties is all saved at FORDHOOK FARM from our unrivaled collection. Per pkt. 15 cts.





The top portion of a single flower-cluster, from a Photograph, of LEMOINE'S NEW GIANT HYBRID HELIOTROPE.

## New Heliotrope,—Lemoine's Giant Hybrids.

**Distinct in Foliage, with Mammoth Clusters of Perfect, Fragrant Flowers.**

Should we devote this entire page to an illustration it would fail to give an adequate idea of the grand size and rare beauty of the flower-heads of this wonderful novelty. The cash prize offered last year for the largest flower-head was awarded to MISS S. LUELLA JACOX, South New Berlin, N. Y., who sent us a mammoth flower-head composed by actual count of *twelve thousand nine hundred and seventy-five flowers* (12,975).

The flower-heads are more than *twice the size of the best varieties of the old species*; they expand daily more and more, and when in their full beauty the trusses *measure from ten to fifteen inches across*. Their fragrance is *simply lovely*,—perfuming the air in the whole neighborhood. The colors are from pure white through all shades of violet and blue to deep indigo.

Even before it comes into bloom the foliage is most noticeable; its large and glossy leaves frequently measure from five to seven inches, and are borne on strong, erect stems, growing about two feet in height. On seeing the ornamental character of the plant, one promises one's self a beautiful sight when it shall come into bloom, and in this the cultivator is not mistaken. First you see at the top of each branch a tiny little bud, gradually increasing in size, and when the first flowers expand (if you had not already recognized the fact that you had a distinct new type of Heliotrope), you begin to realize the grandeur of this unequalled strain.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

## New Helianthus,—Double Multiflora.

At FORDHOOK FARM the past summer few flowers growing in the open fields excited more admiration from visitors than this distinct new Sunflower from France, seed of which is now first offered in America. Many said that they would not have believed that a *SUNFLOWER could be so beautiful!*



Unlike all other Sunflowers, instead of branching and bearing the flowers at the end of the shoots, the plant is pyramidal in shape, and the handsome flowers are produced at the base of each leaf, which gives it a *most picturesque and highly ornamental aspect*. The plant grows erect, from three and a half to four feet in height, with but a single stalk, but at each leaf-joint is a very short stem, terminating in a fine double flower, as evenly and regularly set on as if done by hand. These flowers are very double, full centered, and are surrounded by a fringe of broad, single petals, the flowers proper which form the head being tubular. The terminal or central flower is rather the largest, being from six to eight inches in diameter. From this they taper in size very gradually toward the base of the plant, where they are only three to four inches in diameter.

Planted in a single row as a fence and allowed to stand one foot and a half apart they will make a very showy background for the lawn or garden. Bearing so many good-sized flower-heads to each plant, they will yield a large supply of seed, which is most excellent for feeding to poultry during the winter, both to make them lay freely and to keep them in fine, healthy condition. Thus it will prove *useful as well as ornamental*,—and most ornamental it certainly is!

HELIANTHUS,—DOUBLE MULTIFLORA.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.



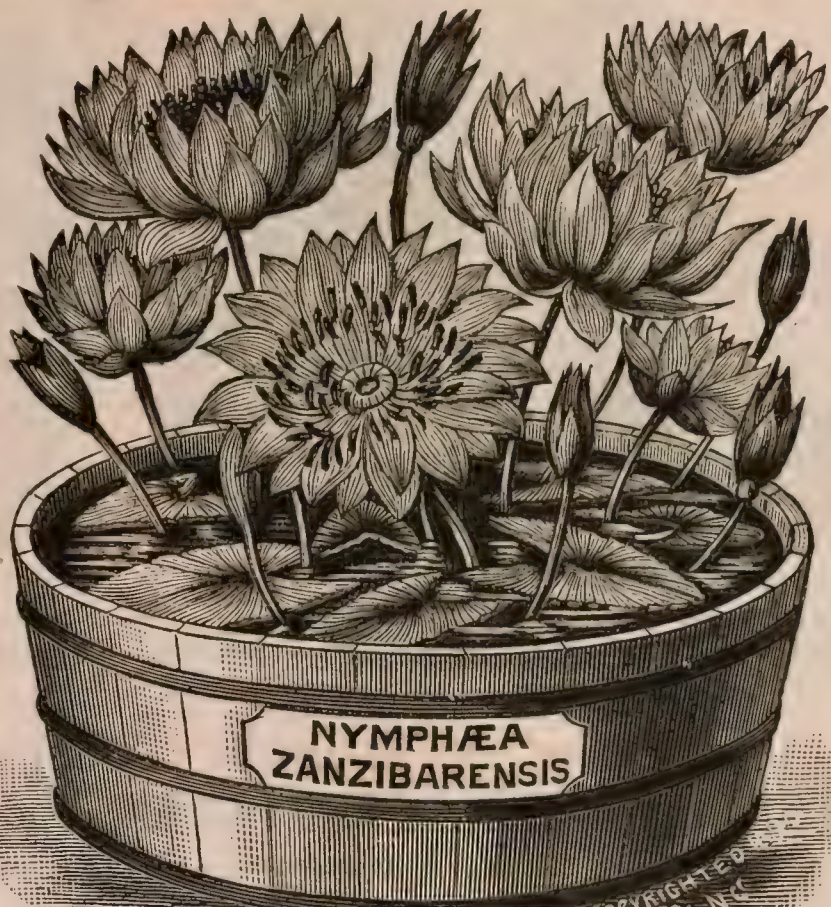
## Red, White, and Blue Water Lilies.

It would be difficult to name any plants more charming than these RED, WHITE, AND BLUE WATER LILIES floating in their graceful beauty on the water and filling the air with their fragrance. Among the most beautiful and best are the three distinct varieties briefly described below,—all of which are quite hardy and can be grown from seed as readily as Asters or Balsams. They will come into full bloom from seed in less than four months, and will continue to flower freely in any tub, waterbox, or pond all summer.

**BLUE ZANZIBAR WATER LILY** (*Nymphaea Zanzibarensis azurea*). The flowers open at nine o'clock in the morning and close at four o'clock in the afternoon; when cut and put in a glass of water, the flowers will last four days, retaining their habit of opening and closing at the same hours each day. In color they vary from a clear sky-blue to a very rich deep blue; the stamens of all are of a bright golden-yellow, tipped with the same shade of blue as the petals. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**RED ZANZIBAR WATER LILY** (*Nymphaea Zanzibarensis rosea*). This is a superb variety of the preceding, identical in every respect except its color, which varies from rich pink to a deep rose, or almost crimson. Per pkt. 15 cts.

**WHITE NIGHT-BLOOMING WATER LILY** (*Nymphaea dentata*). This grand species opens its flowers at about eight o'clock at night and does not close until noon the next day. They are pure white, with petals expanded horizontally, so that the flowers are flat. 15 cts.



### THE PINK MOONFLOWER.

This new variety is a cross between the Moonflower and *Ipomœa setosa*. The flowers are of a deep lavender-pink, and while they measure only two inches across, are produced most abundantly. It begins to flower earlier than any other, and grows with wonderful rapidity. The handsome leaves are of an unusually large size.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### NEW CROSS-BRED MOONFLOWER

This is the only White Moonflower that blooms freely in the North, from seed sown in the open ground. Every year its dense foliage with immense white flowers excite admiration in our trial grounds.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### THE TREE MORNING GLORY.

The Tree Morning Glory (*Ipomœa fistulosa*) from Mexico made handsome plants from seed sown in the open ground at FORDHOOK, but did not flower the past season. Evidently it should be started early in the house. MR. FALCONER, editor of GARDENING, says: "It is a shrub-like perennial four to seven feet high, according to cultural conditions, and terminating the shoots are clusters or cymose panicles of twenty-five or more pale rose-colored flowers with a dark center, and three to four inches across. In the North the plants may be cut down in fall and the roots brought indoors and wintered in boxes of earth. In the South it is hardy if a good mulching of leaves or litter is placed over the roots."

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## New Climbing Nasturtiums.

### "HYBRIDS OF MADAME GUNTER."

This new race from France will do much to extend the popularity of Nasturtiums. Obtained from the pretty variety named Madame Gunter, artificially hybridized, it is distinguished by its dark foliage and a richness of color not to be found in any of the different classes of *Tropæolum* already known.

These new HYBRIDS OF MADAME GUNTER flower earlier and more abundantly than *Tropæolum Lobbianum*. They make a stronger growth, climbing from five to six feet high, and are covered from spring to fall with large, substantial flowers of the most brilliant shades. They are remarkable for their wide range of colors, embracing rose, pink, salmon, purple, velvety dark maroon, light yellow, and deep orange in self colors, as well as striped and blotched in the most fanciful manner. So ornamental is this new strain that it deserves a place in every garden, either for climbing or trailing from vases, over rock-work, etc.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

For other Nasturtiums see next page, and also General List on page 157.



THE NEW HYBRIDS OF MADAME GUNTER.



# NASTURTIIUMS.

Were we asked to name the three most popular flowers grown from seed we should answer unhesitatingly, SWEET PEAS, PANSIES, and NASTURTIIUMS. Much as we enjoyed visiting the *Floral Fête* in April at Santa Barbara, California, still greater was our enjoyment of the many beautiful gardens surrounding the homes of that beautiful town in "the land of flowers." Never before had we been so forcibly impressed with the *unequaled beauty* of NASTURTIIUMS for giving *bits of bright color* along the fences, hedges, etc.



A FLOWER OF PRINCE HENRY NASTURTIIUM.

We were impressed with the fact that in this sub-tropical climate, where they can have many plants unknown in Eastern gardens, no flowers were more effective than Nasturtiums and none seemed so generally popular. We only wish all our customers could see these gardens where Nasturtiums play such an important part.

If home-gardens everywhere were to use Nasturtiums thus liberally, there would not be enough seed in the world to supply the demand from America alone!

## RARE, NEW, AND BEAUTIFUL TOM THUMB NASTURTIIUMS.

Of recent years remarkable improvements have been made in the favorite *Tom Thumb Nasturtiums*, and the beautiful new varieties which we here offer will prove most welcome additions.

**AURORA.** The ground color is a chrome-yellow, the upper petals being of a somewhat lighter tint, while the two lower petals are *spotted and veined with purplish-carmine*. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**BRONZE-COLORED.** Neat plants, of dwarf compact growth. The flowers, of good size, are of a beautiful burnished bronze color. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**BROWN-RED.** The rich velvety appearance of the deep brown-red flowers will make this a great favorite. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**COMPACT LUSTROUS.** A neat, compact grower, it produces a great profusion of flowers of a flashing, most vivid scarlet color. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**GENERAL JACQUEMINOT.** The color is wonderfully rich, nearly the same very intense deep red as in the *General Jacqueminot Rose*. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**PRINCE HENRY.** The flowers are large and well expanded; color bright, *shining yellow*, beautifully spotted and marbled with glowing *bright scarlet*; the foliage is light in color; very free bloomer. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**NEW BRILLIANT YELLOW.** The compact little plants are very neat, with light-green foliage, from which stand out in abundance the beautiful, *rich yellow flowers*, of the most brilliant shade imaginable. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**NEW TOM THUMB, FINEST MIXED.** We have made a *superb mixture* of the most beautiful new varieties including all named above. Per large pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

## TROPAEOLUM HEMISPHERICUM.

This distinct variety should be allowed a clear space in which to develop, so as to show its peculiar habit of growth. Of spreading, rounded form, each plant resembles a giant round ball (or orange) cut in half and set on the flat part. The leaves are of large size, and, commencing at the ground, slightly overlap each other, thus making a dense, rounded mound of dark-green foliage, fifteen inches in height. The bright, pretty flowers, just appearing between the leaves, are of a rich lemon-yellow, with throat blotches of deep crimson.

Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 40 cts.

## LOBB'S NASTURTIIUMS.

### TROPAEOLUM LOBBIANUM.

*As easily grown as the common Tall Nasturtium, which it surpasses in the remarkable brilliancy of its flowers.* Few flowers bloom more profusely or possess such intense vivid and rich colors as the *Tropaeolum Lobbianum*. They make beautiful hedges grown on brush, as are Sweet Peas, while they can also be trained to a greater height. In vases they are particularly attractive, hanging over, while grown simply trailing on the ground they are *surpassingly beautiful* and furnish an abundance of bloom for house decoration in vases or bowls.

**Cardinal.** Very striking and brilliant flowers, of a dark cardinal-red-color. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**Giant of Battles.** Sulphur, spotted with red. 5 cts.

**Gold-Garnet.** Superb flowers of shining yellow richly marbled with garnet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 35 cts.

**King of the Blacks.** Very dark brown. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Lucifer.** The richest, velvety, deep crimson. 10 cts.

**Spitfire.** New, entirely *true from seed*; the brightest and most glowing in tone of all. Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 25 cts.

**LOBB'S NASTURTIIUMS, finest mixed.** Besides the six types here described this embraces seed of other most beautiful varieties. So brilliant are the flowers and so easy to grow that where once known they will be in demand every year. *Plant liberally.* Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.; 2 ozs. 35 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00.

## TALL NASTURTIIUMS.

Few flowers, either as climbing vines or trailing on the ground, are more attractive and bright than the common *Tall Nasturtiums*! We offer the finest varieties.

*Each variety named below, price 5 cts. per pkt.; 25 cts. per oz.*

**Dark Crimson.** Deep, rich, and velvety.

**Dunnett's Orange.** Bright orange, blotched red.

**Edward Otto.** Light brown, with yellow spur.

**Golden-leaved Scarlet** (*Golden Climber*, also called *Scarlet and Gold*). The light-yellow foliage contrasts brightly with the deep-scarlet flowers.

**Heinemanni.** Silky bronze-chocolate.

**Pearl.** Approaching a creamy-white.

**Regelianum.** Purple-violet flowers.

**Scarlet.** Intensely bright scarlet.

**Scheuerianum.** Flowers of a straw color, splashed crimson, with brick-red blotches.

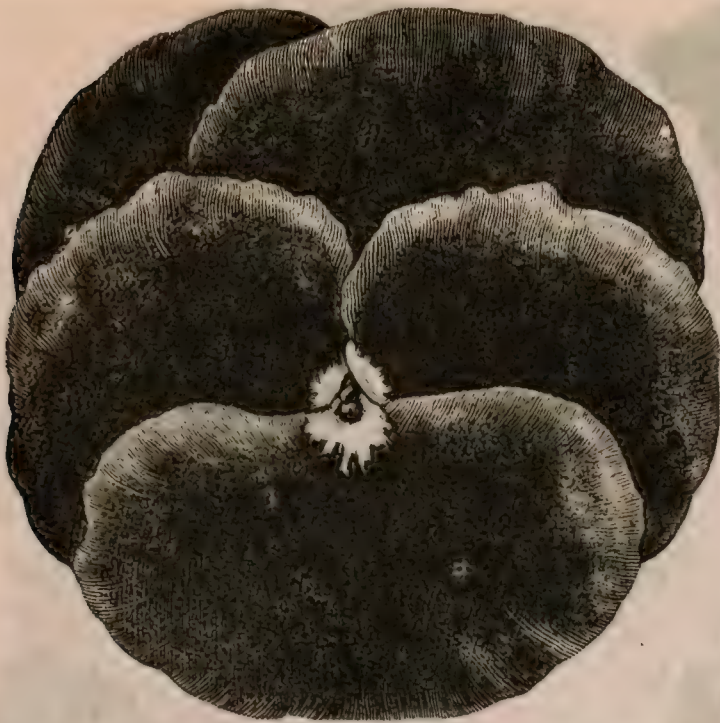
**Scheuerianum coccineum.** Very bright flowers of a deep, flaming orange-scarlet color.

**Mixed Colors.** Also offered under vegetable seeds, page 74. Many bright colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 15 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50.

## FORDHOOK FAVORITE Mixture of CLIMBING NASTURTIIUMS.

Now for the first time we offer this special mixture, made by ourselves. It is comprised of the best types of *Lobb's Nasturtiums* with all the finest *Tall Nasturtiums* including *Golden Leaved* and *The New Hybrids of Madame Gunter*, described on page 135. Per large pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.





IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSY,—THE BLACK PRINCE.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES.

Last year we offered thirty dollars in three prizes for the largest, pressed pansies of *The Imperial German Strain* that should be grown from our seed. The prize pansies (grown in the heat of summer) measured *two and three-quarters, two and one-half, and two and three-eighths inches across*, and were grown respectively by Miss RICHTER, Yolo, Cal.; MRS. WM. CLARK, Plymouth, Mass., and MRS. H. M. HEALY, Grundy Center, Iowa.

THE IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES are famous for their almost endless variety of charming shades of color, united with *large size and perfect form of flowers*. The plants are compact in growth, and flower very profusely. They embrace all the solid or self colors; delicately-shaded flowers; five spotted and three spotted; edged or bordered flowers of various colors, each with a distinct rim of white, yellow, or blue; dark and light marbled varieties; flowers with clear, distinct eyes; striped flowers of striking beauty, and vividly colored fancy varieties, blotched, veined, mottled, and margined in combinations that would be thought impossible until seen.

The following are each **TEN CENTS per packet.**

1. **Black Prince.**—Magnificent flowers. The rich, glossy black has a peculiarly soft, velvety appearance.
2. **Black Blue.**—Intensely rich; very distinct.
3. **Crown Prince.**—Flowers of rare beauty, of a deep velvety black, with well-defined, rich, golden-bronze face.
4. **Dark Mahogany with White Margin.**—The darkest mahogany, with a clear-cut edge of pure white.
5. **Dark Mahogany with Yellow Margin.**
6. **Deep Yellow.**—Very rich, spotless.
7. **Emperor William, Improved.**—Always true.
8. **Gloriosa Perfecta, or Improved Quadricolor.**—Of a reddish, steel-blue color, with white and pink edge. Of surpassing beauty, called the *Rainbow Pansy*.
9. **Improved Fancy Striped.**—Handsomely flamed or striped in the most brilliant and exquisite colors.
10. **Jet Black.**—(Dr. Faust, or Black Knight.)
11. **Large Spotted Yellow.**—Very attractive.
12. **Large Spotted White.**—Showy flowers.
13. **Large Spotted Mixed.**—Each flower superbly spotted or blotched on the three lower petals.
14. **Light Blue.**—Delicate color.
15. **Marbled Mixed.**—Beautifully marbled.
16. **Odier, or Five Spotted.**—Of unrivaled beauty; each petal has a large blotch, with clearly-defined margin.
17. **Purple Mantle.**—A splendid, very rich color.
18. **Red Riding-Hood.**—Shades of brilliant red.
19. **Rosy-Lilac.**—A quiet, pleasing color.
20. **Silver Seam.**—Deep purple with edge of white.
21. **Snow Queen, or Snow Fairy.**—Spotless white.
22. **Ultramarine Blue.**—Beaconsfield, improved.
23. **Golden Bronze, Marbled.**—Odd and striking.
24. **Fancy Varieties, Splendid Mixed.**—Most beautiful fancy striped, blotched, and mottled flowers.
25. **Show Varieties, Splendid Mixed.**—All the best solid colors or "Selves," saved from named flowers.

**IMPERIAL GERMAN SPLENDID MIXED.**—This mixture embraces seeds of over fifty markings. Per liberal pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; 10 pkts. for \$1.00. Per 1/8 oz. 65 cts.; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; per oz. \$4.50.



## THE NEWEST PANSIES.

We particularly recommend the Eight New Varieties described below as the **NEWEST AND BEST NOVELTIES IN PANSIES.** All were carefully tested at FORDHOOK.

**CARDINAL.** The flowers are a brilliant brownish-scarlet, the lower petals each being marked with a dark-brown blotch. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**FIRE KING.** The three lower petals each have a large blotch of deep brown-red or magenta margined with yellow, while the upper petals are of a bright reddish-brown; of a really fiery shade. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**EMPEROR FREDERICK.** The first color is deep, velvety brown, shaded into a narrow band of deep golden-yellow, which borders each petal. The perfect flowers show a distinct face marking of rich gold and deep brown. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**METEOR.** Color, bright canary-yellow; the three lower petals are spotted with mahogany-brown, while the two upper petals vary from reddish-brown to dark purple, margined with gold or silver. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**PEACOCK.** The lovely ultramarine blue contained in the upper petals most nearly resembles this color in the feathers of a peacock. The name is further justified by the beautiful, almost iridescent blending of colors. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**ROSY MORN.** This is a really beautiful rosy-red color, with a distinct white edge around each petal, while the three lower petals are blotched with a deep purplish-red. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**VICTORIA RED.** The flowers are throughout of a beautiful, rich, deep-red color, far superior, both in depth, uniformity of color, and in size of flowers, to the Red Ridinghood Pansy. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**THE BUGNOT PANSIES.** The petals are beautifully blotched after the manner of *Cassier's Giant Odier*, on various ground colors, but differ in the fact that the color of the blotches radiates through the ground color on the margin of the petals, making a very handsome effect. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

☞ The complete set, together with one packet of "The Sweet-Scented Pansies," in all nine, all for \$1.00.

## SWEET-SCENTED PANSIES.

Many of our customers doubtless have wondered why we did not offer "THE SWEET-SCENTED PANSIES" first introduced by an European firm, and largely catalogued as a "Novelty" by American seedsmen.

The fact is that thorough trials at FORDHOOK FARM have demonstrated that they are not a new strain, but the seed is merely a mixture of a few varieties of pansies that have a fragrance with large-flowering *Violas*, which are sweet-scented, but are not new as a novelty should be. With this explanation we now offer seed of **Sweet-Scented Pansies**, but must caution purchasers not to expect the brilliant colors contained in all our other mixtures. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.





**THESE** magnificent **New Giant-Flowered Pansies**, when first introduced, were accurately shown by a beautiful colored plate in our Catalogue for 1888. Neither the plate nor the Pansies have since been equaled by any of the new strains so widely advertised. The individual flowers frequently measure *two and a half to four inches across*; of perfect form, circular shape, they are also of unusual substance. WB

In colors they embrace the distinct types named below. The plants are also quite remarkable (in contrast with most Giant-flowered Pansies) for their compact, bushy growth and their free-flowering character.

**The Defiance Pansies produce flowers of the largest size, perfect form, and of the richest colors.**  
**Finest mixed, per pkt. 15 cts.; 4 pkts. for 50 cts.**

**The following separate varieties of Burpee's DEFIANCE Pansies are each 15 cts. per pkt.; four pkts. for 50 cts., or any ten pkts. for \$1.00.**

1. **Giant Auricula.**—Large flowers of rare shades.
2. **Giant Royal Purple.**—Flowers of unusual size; deep, rich, royal purple in color.
3. **Giant Pure Gold.**—Extremely showy; magnificent, bright golden-yellow flowers with black face.
4. **Giant Fancy Striped.**—Enormous flowers, brilliantly flamed and striped, in many colors.
5. **Giant Emperor William.**—Lovely ultramarine blue, with distinct dark-blue eye.
6. **Giant Beaconsfield.**—Extra large flowers, of deep violet, shading off at the top to a white hue.
7. **Giant Black.**—Doubled in size from the old Faust.
8. **Giant Spotted White.**—Giant pure white flowers, with deep violet spots on each of the lower petals.
9. **GIANT FANCY Three Spotted.**—The ground colors are of all shades, and the three lower petals are each distinctly marked with a large blotch.
10. **GIANT FANCY Five Spotted.**—Each petal has a large, distinct blotch, after the manner of the *Cassier's Giant Odier*, but greatly improved in form and size.
11. **Giant Show.**—This class embraces the best "self" or solid colors,—all gigantic flowers.

**The entire collection of twelve packets (including Mixed) for \$1.25.**

## THE PRIZE PANSIES.

Our offer in THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1895 of cash prizes for the largest pressed flowers of DEFIANCE PANSIES mailed to us before September 15th brought forth a most interesting competition. The first prize of \$25.00 was won by MRS. ELMIRA JENKINS, Temple, Maine, with a flower which measured *three inches in diameter*. The other prizes were won by customers in Maine, Minnesota, and Montana, with flowers measuring from *two and five-eighths to two and seven-eighths inches across*. The flowers were all of *fine, circular form*, and were certainly of large size, considering that they were grown during the heat of summer. As every lover of Pansies soon learns, flowers of the very largest size can only be had in the cool months of spring. Printed instructions, "How to Grow the Largest and Finest Pansies," will be sent, FREE, with the seed, when so requested.





*A Flower, natural size, of BURPEE'S DEFIANCE PETUNIA, as grown at Fordhook Farm.*

## BURPEE'S DEFIANCE LARGEST-FLOWERING PETUNIAS.

This grand strain is rightly entitled to the name **DEFIANCE**, as in many hundreds of trials at **FORDHOOK FARM** we have never found its equal. The illustration shows a single flower, accurately drawn from nature; this flower is in no way exaggerated, either in size, depth, or richness. We have frequently measured flowers *over five inches in diameter*, while the colors are indescribably rich and varied. They embrace all colors, from pure white to the darkest blue and deep red, while even flowers with a yellow tint are not unusual. All of the flowers are beautifully fringed and delicately and distinctly veined. In nearly every flower the throat is darker than the balance of the petals, imparting an appearance of great depth and substance. The leaves are large and heavy, of a rich, dark green, making a suitable background from which the flowers stand out in bold relief. This seed is exclusively of our own growing at **FORDHOOK FARM**.



Per pkt. 25 cts.; 3 pkts. for 60 cts.; 5 pkts. \$1.00.

**THE MAMMOTH PRIZE PETUNIAS OF 1895.** Our customers will remember that in **THE FARM ANNUAL FOR 1895** (page 130) we offered \$150 in cash prizes for the largest flowers grown from our seed, of either *Burpee's Defiance*, *Giants of California*, or *Giant Emperor Petunias*. A most interesting contest ensued, and during the summer we received many pressed blooms, *larger in size than we have ever claimed for either strain*. The first and second prizes were won with flowers of *The Giants of California*, each measuring *six and a half inches across*, grown from our seed by **MR. M. C. REED**, Hudson, Ohio, and **MRS. G. W. GILSON**, Erie, Ill. The third, fourth, and fifth prizes were all won with flowers of *Burpee's Defiance*, two of which measured *six and one-quarter inches*, and the other *six and one-eighth inches across*. These were received from **MR. H. A. MCCLELLAND**, Fort Collins, Col., **MRS. C. L. TUTTLE**, Hartford, Conn., and **MRS. A. DIXON**, Oronogo, Mo. Of the remaining five prizes three were won with flowers of *Burpee's Defiance* and two with *Giants of California*. Four of these flowers each measured *exactly six inches in diameter* and the other *five and seven-eighths inches*. Two of these prizes went to customers in New York, and one each to customers in Pennsylvania, Maine, and Canada. A complete list of all the awards was mailed in October.

**AMERICA HAS AGAIN BEATEN ENGLAND!** It will be noticed that none of the prizes were won with flowers of *The Giant Emperor* (a famous English strain), and as *The Giants of California* were obtained from *Burpee's Defiance*, we naturally feel proud that America has beaten England in the development of Petunias as well as in Yacht Racing!





FORDHOOK FANCY FRINGED DOUBLE PETUNIA. Engraved from a Photograph of one plant.

## FORDHOOK FANCY FRINGED DOUBLE PETUNIAS.

For years we have made careful trials of Double Petunias, but this is better than any seed we have previously been able to obtain. In fact, an enthusiastic admirer on seeing these flowers exclaimed, "*They are revelations of beauty of form and color!*" They embrace a wide range of colors, and show finer combinations than we have heretofore found in any Double Petunias, including delicate mauve, porcelain-blue, white, garnet, and velvet shades. The delicate blue and white flowers, freely produced, are particularly noteworthy. This carefully hybridized seed will yield a larger percentage of double flowers than any other Petunias in cultivation to day.

Per pkt. 25 cts.; 5 pkts. for \$1.00.

## New Large-Flowering PETUNIAS,—GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA.

The intense rivalry among growers *who really love flowers* is a chief factor in the constant improvement of strains,—thus placing seed-growing far above the level of a business where "making money" is the first and sometimes the only aim. Having personally visited the home gardens in Southern California, we quote the grower's own account of the origin of this grand new strain:—

"These GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA were developed from thirty plants of BURPEE'S DEFIANCE PETUNIA five years ago. The strain has been carefully bred, and occasionally there has been introduced an admixture of similar types from tests of various European strains whenever any plants suggested an improvement. Cross-fertilization has also been an important feature in the development of this strain, for when done intelligently, with artistic perception, it will produce purer tones of color with an almost infinite variety of markings."

THE GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA, of which we showed a flower painted from nature last year, bear the gigantic flowers (often five inches and more in diameter), of an astonishing variety of colors. They embrace every conceivable shade of crimson, aurora, pink, lavender, pure white, etc. One of the chief points of excellence is the deep throat and diversity of veinings in the throat. Many of the flowers have a *clear yellow throat*, while others have a pure *vegetable black* one, so deep that it seems to show no veining.

Per pkt. 20 cts.; 3 pkts. for 50 cts.

### New Giant Petunia,—RAINBOW.

This comes quite true from seed and is much better than the Yellow Throated (*Intus Aurea*), from which it has been developed. Very handsome flowers, each with a clear, yellow throat, richly penciled with various rich colors.

Per pkt. 20 cts.; 3 pkts. for 50 cts.

### New Petunia,—GIANT RUFFLED WHITE.

The largest-flowered and most showy white Petunia. Each plant is covered with gigantic pure white flowers, of which the petals are ruffled in a most artistic manner. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

### GIANT FRINGED WHITE PETUNIA.

Equally as free blooming, this differs only in that the magnificent pure white flowers, measuring three to four inches across, are each delicately fringed on the edges. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## New Large-Flowering PETUNIAS,—GIANT EMPEROR.

Of English origin, this strain has been improved by the same specialist who has devoted so much attention to perfecting the GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA, but it is quite distinct in character. The flowers, of the largest size, are *extremely velvety*, of great substance, and are particularly noted for richness and depth of coloring. They are plain edged, average about four inches in diameter, and while embracing some light colors, even pure white, they are specially distinguished for such shades as violet, rich blue, deep garnet,—all beautifully veined.

Many flowers of a rich garnet show pink veinings, which form a distinct star in the center with very novel effect. As they yield larger seed-pods than either the *Giants of California* or *Burpee's Defiance*, we are able to offer this magnificent strain at prices lower than such grand Petunias have ever been sold before.

All colors mixed. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.



PHLOX DRUMMONDII.

Few flowers are more showy or brilliant than this popular annual, which thrives so universally throughout our country. The improved Grandiflora varieties, particularly the *Fordhook Strain*, are exceptionally beautiful.

- PER PKT.
- Fine mixed. All colors of the original type of *Phlox Drummondii*. Per oz. 60 cts., . . . . .

5

Alba (Pure White). Our strain of this is really magnificent, the chaste white flowers being of unusual size and perfect form, . . . . .

5

Carnea. A very beautiful Phlox; flowers of a delicate, fleshy pink, with chamois-rose center, . . . . .

5

Large Blood-Red. The darkest colored of all, being of the deepest blood-red color, . . . . .

5

Eclipse. Bright, rosy purple, deepening to violet, . . . . .

5

Splendens. Bright red, with white eye, . . . . .

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Burpee's Fordhook Strain of PHLOX DRUMMONDII GRANDIFLORA.

This strain of mixed, large-flowering Phlox is noteworthy for variety and brilliancy of colors. So successful have we been that our seed crops of several acres have attracted the attention of all visitors to FORDHOOK. Within a few feet visitors have frequently gathered bouquets embracing as many as twenty-six distinct types and colors of Phlox, so uniformly was the remarkable range of colors distributed.



Not only is our strain notable for variety and brilliancy of colors, but also for the perfection and size of the flowers—many of the single flowers are so large they will very nearly cover a fifty-cent piece. When our customers see the brilliancy and pleasing variety of colors produced from this seed, they will thank us for recommending a liberal planting. Per liberal pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. 25 cts.; ¼ oz. 30 cts.; per oz. \$1.00.

NEW LARGE YELLOW PHLOX.

Among the acres of *Phlox Drummondii Grandiflora* growing at FORDHOOK few have excited such attention as the bed of this *New Large Yellow Phlox*. It is a rich straw-yellow, of warm and glowing tone, while the flowers are of extra large size and fine form. The clusters of bloom are magnificent. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

PRIMULA SINENSIS FIMBRIATA. FRINGED CHINESE PRIMROSE.

The *Chinese Primrose* is the most beautiful and satisfactory of all house plants for winter blooming, and is as easily grown as a *Geranium*. It is never attacked by insects, and will even thrive in a window where there is but little sun, and where few other plants would bloom. They are so easily raised that every flower-lover should have a magnificent display of these brightest and best of all winter flowers in the house. Our seed is saved from the very finest strains of all colors, from pure white, lilac, rose, through many shades of scarlet and carmine, striped and spotted, and the lovely new blue *Primula*,—all beautifully fringed.

- PER PKT.
- PRIMULA Alba magnifica. Flowers, borne in large trusses are pure white with bright-yellow eye, . . . . .

20

Blue. New and beautiful, . . . . .

20

Crimson-velvet. New, very rich color, . . . . .

20

Rosy Morn. The large, finely fringed flowers are of a distinct and beautiful carmine-rose, . . . . .

20

Bright Red (Coccinea). A very brilliant color, . . . . .

20

Rubro-Violacea. Beautiful and showy, . . . . .

20

Kermesina splendens. Splendid crimson, . . . . .

20

Striped. White striped with rose, . . . . .

20

Snow Queen. New; pure white, . . . . .

20

Lilac-marbled. Very attractive, . . . . .

20

FRINGED, MIXED. A very good strain, . . . . .

10

SPLENDID MIXED Large-flowering. A grand mixture, embracing all the above and many other finest fringed, large-flowering varieties, . . . . .

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Filicifolia, mixed. A splendid mixture of Fern-leaved *Primulas* with large flowers, . . . . .

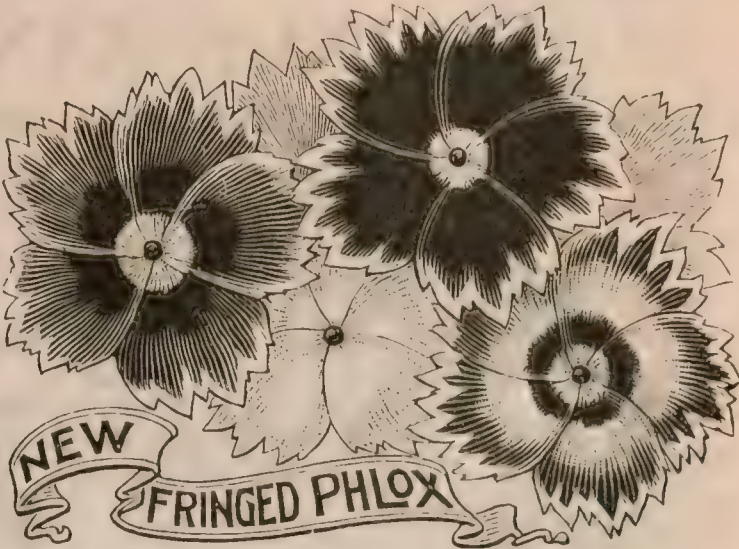
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Flore Pleno. Best double, mixed, of all colors, . . . . .

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PRIMULA Obconica. A lovely and profuse blooming Primrose, bearing on long, slender stems, about nine inches in height, beautiful single flowers, white shaded with a slight tinge of lilac. This is really an ever-blooming plant, producing elegant clusters of flowers continuously throughout the year, . . . . .

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PHLOXES, "Starred and Fringed."

These "*Starred and Fringed Phloxes*" are really entitled to rank as a new race, and the most striking novelties in *Phloxes* ever introduced. In the *Fringed Flowers* the petals are partly fimbriate and partly three-toothed, all distinctly bordered with white, which, together with the bright eye of the center, contrasts with the magnificent velvety colors, in more than twenty distinct shades. In the *Starred Phloxes* the pointed central teeth of the petals are five to six times as long as the lateral ones and project beyond them like little spines, giving the flowers a distinctly marked, regular, star-like form, the beauty of which is enhanced by the broad white margins bordering the edge of the petals. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

PHLOX DRUMMONDII, New Dwarf.

A lovely strain, the plants growing only six to eight inches high and covered with bright flowers. We offer *Fireball*, brilliant scarlet; *Snowball*, pure white, and extra fine mixed, of many colors, each at 10 cts. per pkt.

PHLOX HORTENSIAEFLORA.

While the plants attain only half the size, they bear flower-heads fully as large as the *Grandiflora*,—making a most beautiful effect; of a delicate shade of pink. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



PRIMULA FIMBRIATA—SINGLE CHINESE PRIMROSE.



# RICINUS ZANZIBARENSIS.

The New Giant Castor Oil Plant. Leaves Measure Nearly Four Feet Across.



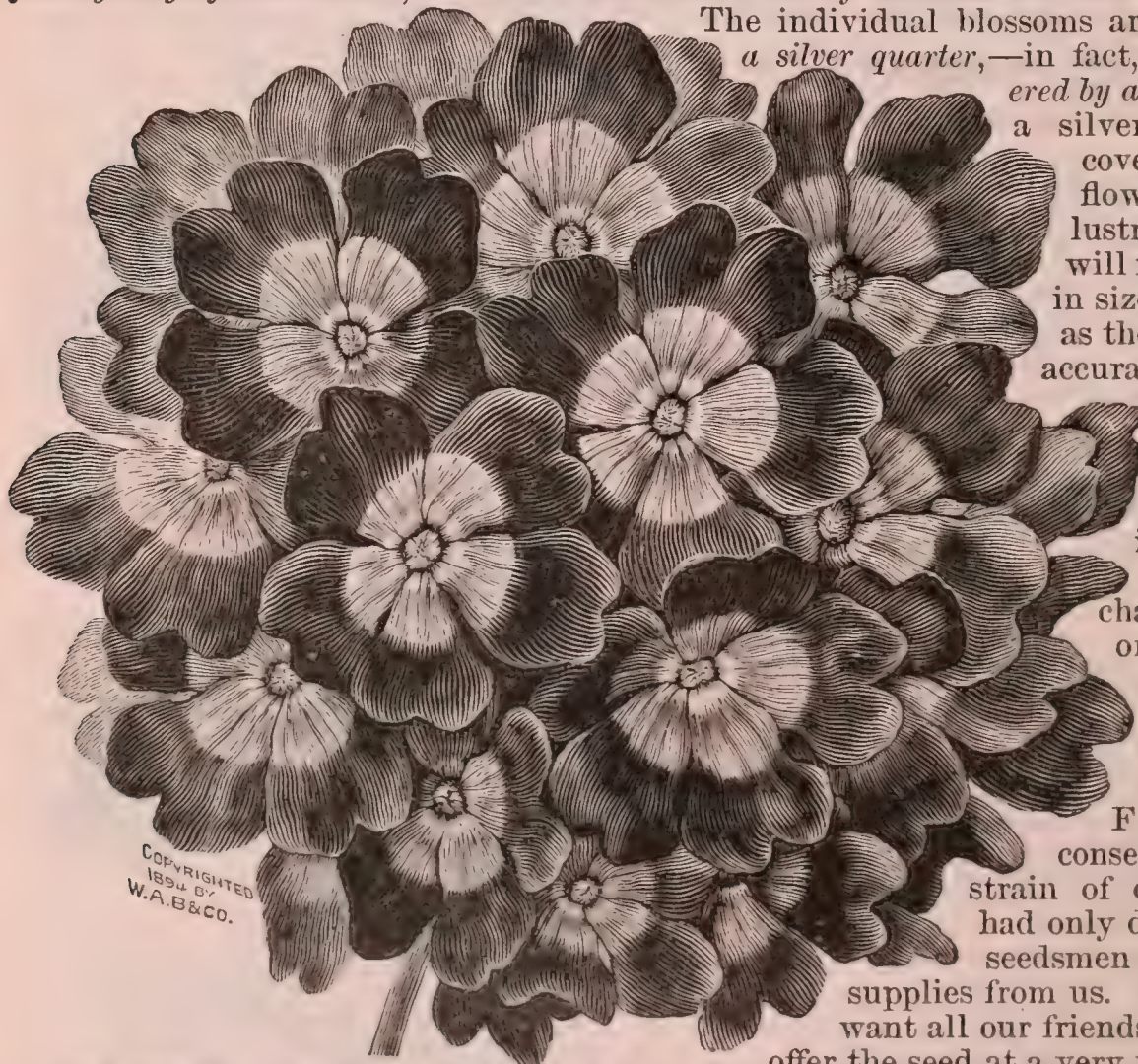
THE NEW GIGANTIC AFRICAN RICINUS.

From seed sown in the open ground in May the plants are in full foliage early in July, and attain a height of twelve to fourteen feet. The enormous leaves are fully two and a half feet broad, beautifully lobed; the whole plant has a distinct and novel appearance, enhanced in the sunshine by a bright metallic hue. They charm everyone at first sight, and their usefulness is very great indeed. Planted as a solitary plant on the lawn, it makes a perfect pyramid of foliage, thickly set from top to bottom with the gigantic leaves; a dozen of them in a large bed makes a most picturesque sight, to be admired from a long distance. The difference between the varieties is in the coloring of the grand bamboo-like stems and long, slender leaf stalks. The large, handsome seeds are themselves objects of real beauty, some speckled carmine on pink ground; others white, blotched brown; others gray, speckled blackish-brown, while other seeds are black, which will produce plants with stems and leaf stalks overcast with a soft, silvery-gray bloom. Mixed, four varieties, per pkt. 10 cts.; per oz. 20 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 60 cts.; per lb \$2.00, postpaid.

Above is our description of 1895, but in competition for the prizes then offered we received many leaves which measured nearly four feet across. The first prize of \$25.00 was won by MR. WM. BESTEL, Memphis, Tenn., whose largest leaf (still on exhibition at our warehouse) measured four feet across, but he was hard-pressed by many others. The second prize was won by MR. A. M. POWERS, St. Amont, La., who sent us a leaf that measured forty-seven and a half inches across, while the leaves winning the third and fourth prizes each measured exactly forty-seven inches across; these came from MRS. E. BRADLEY, Woodstown, N. J., and MRS. C. M. COOK, Evansville, Ind.

## NEW MAMMOTH VERBENA,—FORDHOOK FAMOUS.

In this grand new strain has been developed a MAMMOTH VERBENA that produces uniformly magnificent trusses, of which the flowers are of unusual size and a wide range of colors.



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The individual blossoms are frequently larger than a silver quarter,—in fact, many are scarcely covered by a silver half-dollar. Take

a silver quarter and try to cover any of the single flowers of the corymb illustrated herewith, and you will realize how magnificent in size are the single florets, as the illustration has been accurately reproduced from a

photograph, natural size. The colors are varied and embrace all desirable markings. We have

again purchased from the originator the

entire product of first-class selected seed of this new type, which we have named

FORDHOOK FAMOUS;

consequently this superb strain of original stock can be had only direct from us, or from seedsmen who purchase their supplies from us. It is so grand that we want all our friends to have it, and hence offer the seed at a very moderate price.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

NEW FORDHOOK FAMOUS MAMMOTH VERBENA.  
Engraved from a Photograph, natural size.





# FORDHOOK FLOWER SEEDS.

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IN the following pages we describe, arranged alphabetically, the leading flowers grown from seed (other than the NEW AND SPECIAL FLOWERS described on the preceding pages of pink paper). These flower seeds are all of the finest strains of the best varieties, and are sure to give entire satisfaction. While many are grown by ourselves at FORDHOOK FARM, or by our private growers in America, *all are thoroughly tested both for vitality and purity at FORDHOOK FARM.* Those that are imported are obtained only from the best growers in Europe, whose gardens we have repeatedly inspected. The whole makes a collection unexcelled in uniform excellence of quality and vastly superior to the commercial grades commonly sold in the trade. It is generally admitted that we grow a larger area of Flower Seeds, and test all varieties more thoroughly on our own grounds, than do any other American seedsmen.

**RARE FLOWERS from Seed.** This is the title of a little pamphlet we published last spring for the purposes of giving more detailed information than is possible to print on the seed packets. It is written by the Superintendent of FORDHOOK FARM, and plainly tells **How to Grow Rare Flowers from Seed** successfully, including *Begonias, Calceolaria, Cineraria, Cyclamen, Fuchsias, Gloxinias, Musa, Large-Flowering and Double Petunias, Primulas, Water Lilies*, etc. With the simple, practical instruction therein given, even the amateur who is not a skilled gardener and does not possess a greenhouse can now enjoy the exquisite pleasure of raising these beautiful, rare flowers to perfection. This pamphlet is **mailed FREE** to all purchasers of the seed *who ask for it* when ordering.

~~~~~ ON ALL ORDERS FOR SEEDS— IN PACKETS— ~~~~~ the purchaser may select **TWENTY-FIVE CENTS' WORTH EXTRA** for Each **ONE DOLLAR** sent us. Thus, any one sending us **\$1.00** can select seeds in packets amounting to **\$1.25**; for **\$2.00**, seeds in packets to the value of **\$2.50**, and so on. See also **BOOKS as PREMIUMS**, pages 7 to 11. See premiums on **DOLLAR ORDERS**, pages 6, 7.



Although universally admired, comparatively few are aware how easily Abutilons (*Flowering Maple*, or *Chinese Bellflower*) can be raised from seed and how beautifully they flower all summer the first season. To get them in bloom early the seed should be started in the house. **Royal Prize, mixed**, the most elegant colors. Pkt. 15 cts.

## AMBROSIA.

An old garden favorite not so much grown now as formerly, but very desirable and worthy of more general cultivation. The foliage is in fine, feathery sprays, delightfully fragrant, and useful for bouquets or cut-flower work. Per pkt. 10 cts.



LITTLE GEM—THE BEST SWEET ALYSSUM.

## ALYSSUM.

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| <b>Sweet Alyssum.</b> White, in clusters. Oz. 30 cts., . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5        |
| <b>Benthami compactum.</b> More dwarf and compact, known as <i>Tom Thumb Sweet Alyssum</i> . Oz. 40 cts., . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5        |
| <b>Little Gem Sweet Alyssum.</b> Very dwarf plants, and each spreads so as to completely cover a space twelve to twenty inches in diameter. They soon become one mass of white, being densely studded with the beautiful miniature spikes of deliciously fragrant flowers from spring to fall. This grand variety, which we have sold many years, was <i>re-introduced</i> as a novelty in 1895, and certainly is worthy of <i>un stinted</i> praise. 1/4 oz. 20 cts.; per oz. 65 cts., . . . |          |

## AGERATUM.

Fine for the garden or for winter-blooming in the house; the flowers are of a brush-like appearance. PKT.  
**Mexicanum.** Lavender blue; height 1 1/2 feet, . . . 5  
**Mexicanum albiflorum.** White; two feet, . . . 5  
**Tom Thumb.** Dwarf, only six inches high; mixed, 5

## ANTIRRHINUM (Snapdragon).

Beautiful spikes of gayly-colored flowers produced abundantly the first summer until after frost. PKT.  
**Picturatum.** Choice blotched varieties; mixed, . . . 5  
**Dwarf Varieties.** Best mixed, . . . 5





TRUFFAUT'S PÆONY-FLOWERED PERFECTION ASTER.

The Set, of ten packets, New Dwarf Pæony Perfection Asters, for 75 cts., or any six packets for 50 cts.

**ASTERS.** It is unnecessary to dwell on the great beauty of these popular favorites, as they are appreciated by every one. Our seed is the very finest it is possible to procure. We recommend our friends to plant a number of varieties, as no other annuals afford so magnificent a display during the late summer and fall months.

#### TRUFFAUT'S PÆONY-FLOWERED PERFECTION ASTERS.

One of the most perfect and deservedly one of the most popular of all Asters; very double, large, and beautiful flowers, with incurved petals; height 18 inches to two feet; nearly thirty distinct colors mixed. Per pkt. 10 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50 cts. We also have *Snow White*, *Darkest Blue*, and *Glowing Dark Crimson* separate, each at 10 cts. per pkt.

#### NEW DWARF PÆONY PERFECTION ASTERS.

Grow only twelve inches high, of very neat, compact habit, and flower most profusely. The flowers are of very large size and fine form, perfectly double, the petals beautifully incurved. The colors are peculiarly rich and brilliant, and the refined form of the flowers annually attracts great attention while in bloom at our trial grounds.

PER PKT.

- *Pure White*, very chaste, . . . . . 10
  - *Shining Dark Scarlet*, brilliant, . . . 10
  - *Light Blue*, nearly sky blue, . . . . 10
  - *Black-Blue*, very dark and rich, . . 10
  - *Rose*, a quiet, pleasing color, . . . 10
  - *Light Blue and White*, very pretty, . 10
  - *Black-Blue and White*, . . . . . 10
  - *Crimson and White*, a charming combination, . . . . . 10
  - *Rose and White*, . . . . . 10
  - **Finest mixed**, all above colors, . . 10
- 3 pkts. for 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts.

#### VARIOUS ASTERS.

**BOLTZE'S DWARF BOUQUET.** A most charming class, of compact habit, only six to eight inches high. Each plant is covered with handsome flowers and looks like a bouquet set in the ground. 14 colors. Pkt. 10 cts.

**COCARDEAU, or CROWN.** A very showy variety, the large double flowers having the center pure white, surrounded with petals of a distinct, bright color. 10 cts.

**DWARF CHRYSANTHEMUM-FLOWERED.** Plants only ten to twelve inches high, producing large, double flowers resembling chrysanthemums, and valuable on account of profuse late flowering. Pkt. 10 cts.

**IMBRICATED YELLOW.** A very beautiful Aster, with *lemon* or *light-yellow* flowers—the first approach to yellow in Asters worthy of note, but not nearly equal to *The New Yellow Aster*. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**PRINCE OF WALES.** *New and very fine.* The plants grow about fifteen inches in height, branching freely in all directions, the large flowers bending the stems over with their weight, giving the plants a graceful, open, and pendulous appearance. The flowers are of a deep crimson-red color and very large size. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**QUEEN OF THE MARKET.** Of graceful, spreading habit; its great merit is its early-flowering character, being in full bloom two weeks before most other Asters begin to blossom. The colors are deep blue, white, pink, and deep rose. Finest mixed. Per pkt. 10 cts.

**QUEEN OF SPRING.** It resembles somewhat the *Queen of the Market Aster*, but flowers from two to three weeks earlier, making it decidedly the earliest of all Asters. Of dwarf growth, the double flowers of good size are borne upon long stems. We offer both **Pure White** and **all colors mixed** at 15 cts. per pkt., or 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**VICTORIA.** A magnificent race of Asters. Flowers very large, quite double, beautifully reflexed; the plants bear 10 to 20 flowers, with the appearance of an elegant pyramid;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet. Over 20 colors mixed. 10 cts.

**WASHINGTON.** Very fine, large flowers, frequently four to five inches in diameter; mixed. 10 cts.

**GERMAN QUILLED.** Fine mixed, of many bright colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 50 cts.

**BETTERIDGE'S PRIZE.** An improved form of the German Quilled, with large flowers; mixed. 5 cts.

**MIXED ASTERS.** Many varieties of different types; all colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 25 cts.; oz. 75 cts.

#### NEW DIAMOND ASTERS.

This new race, which we have flowered for several years in all its separate colors, is of the highest merit. The flowers are extremely beautiful and of the greatest perfection, two to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across, perfectly double, and each petal is distinctly incurved, as shown in the illustration of a single flower. The flowers are particularly valuable for cutting for bouquets. The plants grow eighteen to twenty inches in height, and the entire plant is a perfect mass of bloom. The colors are rich and varied:—

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Pure White.</i>       | <i>Dark Crimson.</i>            |
| <i>Deep Violet.</i>      | <i>Rose.</i>                    |
| <i>Deep Carmine.</i>     | <i>Crimson and White.</i>       |
| <i>Purplish-Lilac.</i>   | <i>Deep Violet, with White.</i> |
| <i>Pink, with White.</i> | <i>Reddish-Violet.</i>          |

Each color separate, 10 cts. per pkt.; any three packets for 25 cts., or the collection of 10 pkts. for 75 cts.

ALL THE ABOVE COLORS, MIXED, 10 CTS. PER PKT.; 3 PKTS. FOR 25 CTS.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50 CTS.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 90 CTS.



FLOWER OF THE NEW DIAMOND ASTER.



## NEW, LARGE-FLOWERING, DWARF QUEEN ASTER.

First introduced by us from Germany in 1888, this magnificent new Aster has given excellent satisfaction. It is impossible to say too much in praise of this new strain. Again the past season, among all our trials of Asters, none could surpass these, while *White Queen* was the best dwarf white.

The dwarf, bushy plants grow only ten to twelve inches high, and while branching very freely, the branches are upright (not loose in habit), make a dense, compact bush—excellent for pot culture as well as for bedding. The flowers are of extraordinary size, perfectly double, and resemble the finest Victoria Asters in form—excellent for cutting. On a single plant we counted forty flowers and large buds, while many small buds were appearing.

**White Queen.** Spotless white, 15 cts.

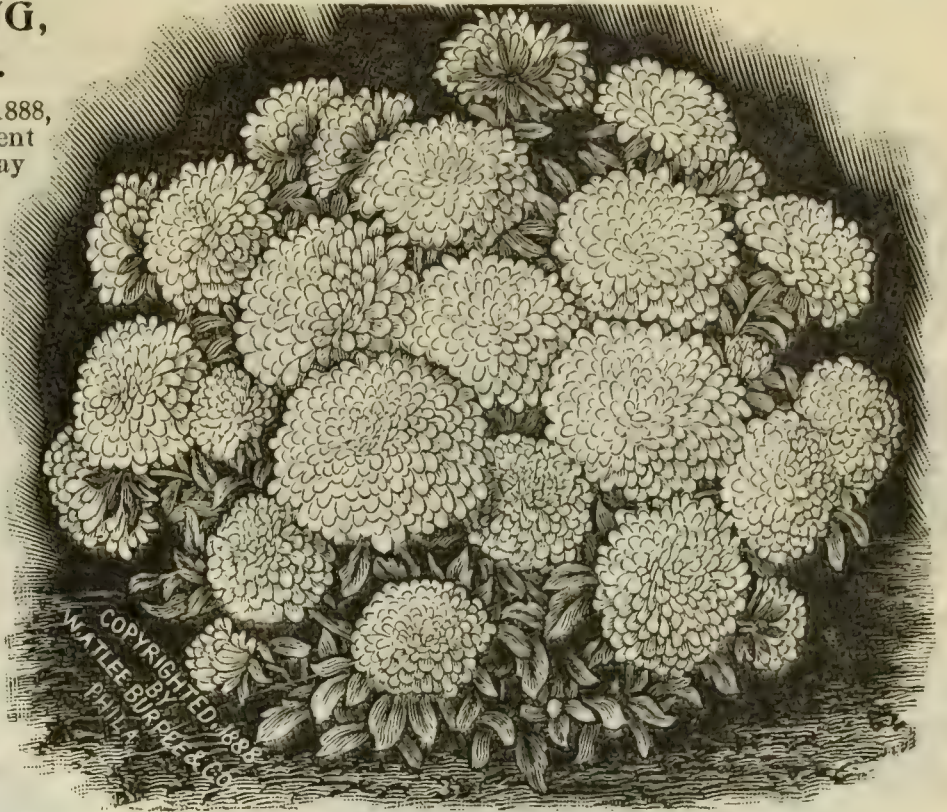
**Crimson Queen.** Rosy-crimson, 15 cts.

**Dark-Blue Queen,** . . Per pkt. 15 cts.

**Light-Blue Queen,** . . Per pkt. 15 cts.

**Finest mixed.** Four colors, . . 10 cts.

Any two packets for 25 cts., or the set of five packets for 50 cts.



NEW SCARLET TRIUMPH ASTER.

## TRIUMPH (Fire-King) ASTER.

Plants eight inches high, covered with large, handsome, perfectly formed flowers, of the most faultless pæony form. The color is peculiarly rich and intensely brilliant; when beginning to bloom it is of a pure scarlet, but when in full bloom it changes to a magnificent satiny scarlet—two most brilliant colors.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

## FORDHOOK FAVORITES in Asters.

Besides a large area of the best fancy varieties of Asters growing for seed at FORDHOOK FARM in 1894, we had over five hundred separate and distinct trials in the open ground. From these we selected the very best varieties, seed of which, grown separately, we have blended in an unequalled mixture.

This special mixture of FORDHOOK FAVORITES includes the *New Comet Asters* of all colors, *Triumph* and *White Branching Asters*, and all colors of the best *Victoria*, *Pæony-Flowered Perfection*, and *Large-Flowering Queen Asters*, making in all an unequalled selection.

We are confident that never before has an equal assortment of Asters been offered in any collection. We recommend our customers to plant liberally, knowing that the result from these select seeds will be most gratifying. It is truly an unrivaled mixture.

Price per large packet, 25 cts.; per half-size packet, 15 cts.

## BALSAMS.

### BURPEE'S SUPERB CAMELLIA-FLOWERED.

In large size, perfect form, even habit, richness and delicacy of colors, as now improved, *Burpee's Superb Camellia-Flowered Balsams* are without a rival, except in *Burpee's Defiance*. The flowers, borne in wonderful profusion, resemble the *Camellia* in form, and are often fully as double; most of the varieties are of extraordinary size, frequently more than two inches in diameter. From our extensive cultures—and we are the largest growers of Balsams in America—we have selected the following varieties, and can heartily recommend all of these.



**Daisy Miller, or Preferred.** The large, double blooms are two inches in diameter; of a white ground color, delicately suffused with lilac or lavender-blush. *Wonderfully effective.* Per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50 cts., 10 PKT.

**Dwarf Lilac.** Very double flowers of a beautiful shade of lilac, of great depth in the center. . . . . 10

**The Emperor.** Purple-spotted. Large, double flowers 10

**Garnet-Red.** Pale stems and light-colored leaves; camellia-shaped flowers of a brilliant garnet-red, . 10

**Perfection Pink.** The flowers are of fine camellia shape, and two and one-half inches in diameter, . . 10

**Pure White.** Large flowers of pure paper-white . 10

**Perfection White (Queen's White).** The finest white Balsam for Florists' work, as it is of remarkable substance. Per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50 cts.; per oz. \$1.50, . . 10

**Scarlet Spotted.** Bright scarlet, distinctly spotted, 10

**Scarlet, "The Best."** Several shades lighter than our Garnet-Red, a clear, bright shade of scarlet . . . 10

**Solferino,—Improved.** A magnificent strain of this handsomely striped and spotted Balsam, . . . . . 10

**Splendens.** For effectiveness and glowing brilliancy this will surpass a bed of the finest Scarlet Geraniums, 10

**Sunshine.** Much deeper in color than the *Light Lemon*, deepening to a bright yellow at the center, . 10

**BURPEE'S SUPERB CAMELLIA-FLOWERED BALSAMS, FINEST MIXED.** This embraces seed of all the twelve varieties described, and also other colors which we do not offer separately. Except *DEFIANCE*, the finest mixed Balsam seed ever offered. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 30 cts.; per oz. \$1.00.

**Camellia-Flowered, mixed.** This is not our "superb" strain, but we are obliged to keep it to meet the large wholesale demand for a cheaper grade. We believe it to be as good as the *Camellia-Flowered Balsams* generally sold. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 50 cts. .

## BALLOON VINE.

PER PKT.

**Cardiospermum Halicacabum.** The Balloon Vine, or Love-in-a-Puff, is of rapid growth, with pretty foliage and inflated capsules, . . . . . 5

## BRYONIA.

**Laciniosa.** A beautiful climbing annual, with handsome cut-leaved foliage, of rapid growth. It bears most attractive fruits, the size of a cherry, of light green, changing to red striped with white, . . . . 10





A SINGLE PLANT OF BEGONIA-VERNON.

BEGONIA-VERNON.

Plants grow rapidly and thrive amazingly under our hot summer sun. It seems that the hotter and brighter the sun the richer are the flowers and foliage. The flowers are borne in constant profusion and with striking effect from early summer until late autumn. The color is intensely deep red, magnificently set off by the abundant and vigorous foliage, which is waxy and glossy, stained, spotted, and margined bronze-purple. We strongly recommend this superb new variety; no other flowering plant as rich and handsome can be so easily raised from seed, and come to full perfection in so little time.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

BELLIS (Double Daisy).

Daisies are easily raised from spring-sown seed, and come into flower in a very short time. Among the most charming spring flowers, they are indispensable for cool, shady places. With protection they will stand the winter.

PER PKT.



- Fine German Double, mixed, . . . 10
- Extra Double White, fine, . . . 10
- Longfellow. Remarkable for the unusual size and doubleness of its dark-rose flowers, . . 10
- Snowball. Large flowers, perfectly white, of purest double, . . . 15
- Double Quilled, mixed. Red and white mixed, . . 15

CALENDULA.

The old pot "Marigold" has been greatly improved. The Oriole and Trianon, recently introduced, are really novelties of remarkable beauty.

- Double, mixed (Pot Marigold). Per oz. 15 cts., . . . 5
- Meteor. Beautifully striped. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . 5
- Prince of Orange. Straw-yellow, striped with a most intense shade of orange. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . 5
- Oriole, or Large-Flowering Bright Yellow. This is surpassingly grand and brilliant, far eclipsing any Calendula hitherto known. Extra large and double flowers of intensely bright golden-yellow color, . . 10
- The Royal Marigold, "Trianon." Is very showy, being of a bright sulphur-yellow, with very dark-brown center, . . . 10

CANARY-BIRD FLOWER.

**Tropæolum Canariensis.** One of our most beautiful annual climbers, with bright-green foliage, delicately cut and very ornamental. The flowers are bright golden-yellow, bearing a fanciful resemblance to birds with expanded wings. Succeeds best in a cool, slightly shaded situation, also does well as a pot or basket plant for the window or conservatory. Per pkt. 5 cts.



A SINGLE FLOWER OF CALCEOLARIA HYBRIDA.

CALCEOLARIA HYBRIDA.

For growing in the house and conservatory these splendid flowers are prized as among the most showy in cultivation. The plants grow round and shapely, twelve to eighteen inches high, and for three months are covered with hundreds of unique pocket-like flowers. The colors and markings are wonderfully rich and varied, including the rarest shades of velvety crimson, maroon, brown, and yellow, vividly tigered and spotted. Full directions for culture given in "RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED," free (see page 143). The largest-flowered varieties in finest mixture. Per pkt. 25 cts., or 5 pkts. for \$1.00.

CALLIOPSIS.

**Drummondii (Golden Wave).** Compact plants, covered with bright golden flowers, two inches across, each distinctly marked with dark-brown center. Per pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.

**Coronata.** Brightest yellow flowers, of large size, deepening to rich orange toward the center, and elegantly punctuated with maroon. The flowers, borne on long, erect stems, are fully equal to the perennial *Calliopsis lanceolata*. The rich, wax-like foliage grows only one foot high. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Hybrida, Double.** Rich, velvety maroon, bordered yellow; the flowers are semi-double and double. Per pkt. 5 cts.

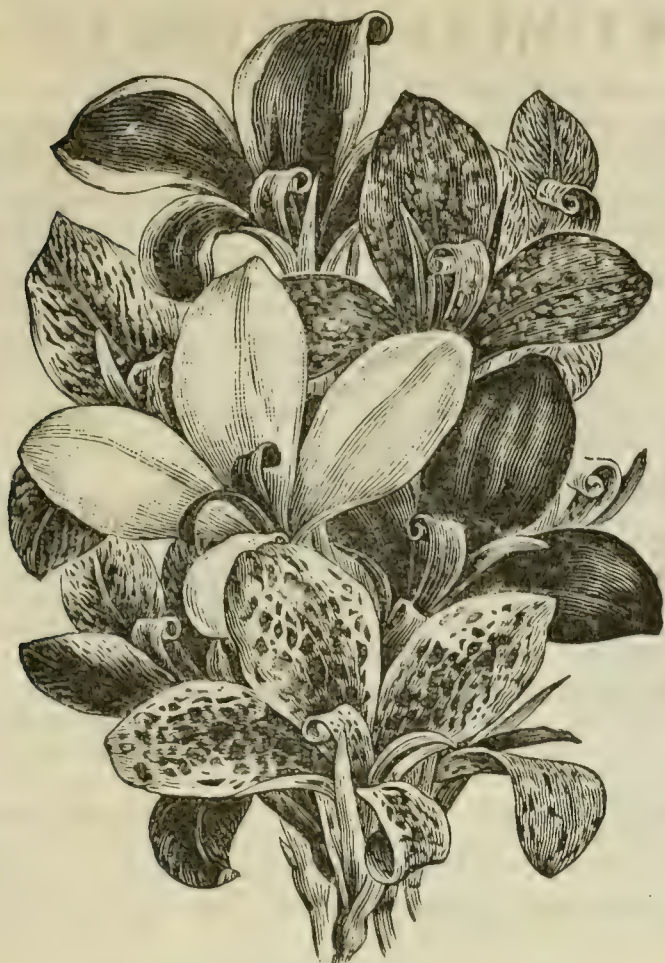
**Dwarf Compact.** A beautiful dwarf strain. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Mixed, all varieties and colors.** Pkt. 5 cts.; oz. 20 cts.



CALLIOPSIS DRUMMONDII.





CROZY'S DWARF FRENCH CANNAS.

### CROZY'S DWARF CANNAS.

These new Dwarf Ever-Blooming, Large-Flowering French Cannas bloom freely the first year from seed. They are much less expensive and incomparably more beautiful for bedding than the best Geraniums. In fact, we cannot recall any other plants that have ever given us such satisfaction in masses or beds, while even single specimens are most attractive in the garden. The roots can be kept in the cellar over winter, and each clump will give six to eight good roots for planting out the following spring. The mixed seed we offer has been saved from the finest varieties of all colors.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 60 cts.

**CANNAS,—All Varieties and Colors Mixed.** Including both the old tall varieties and Crozy's Dwarf. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.

### CANDYTUFT.

Among the most useful of perfectly hardy annuals. Produces neat clusters of flowers very freely. PKT.



CANDYTUFT, EMPRESS.

**Dark Crimson,** . . . . . 5  
**New Carmine.** The richest in color, . . . . . 5  
**Mixed.** Including above varieties. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . 5

**New Empress**  
 Really a magnificent variety, with enormous heads of pure whiteflowers, 10  
**New Dwarf Hybrids.**  
 Of dwarf habit; flowers from pure white to dark purple, 10  
**Tom Thumb.**  
 White, very dwarf, . . . 10  
**Snow Queen.**  
 It bears but little foliage, and the mass of white produced makes it useful for borders, . . 10  
**White.** Per oz. 20 cts., . . 5  
**Rocket.** Spikes of white flowers. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . 5

### MARGUERITE CARNATIONS.

These lovely, fragrant MARGUERITE CARNATIONS will be in full bloom in about four months after sowing the seed.

The plants succeed alike in the open garden or in pots, and are of such vigorous, dwarf, erect growth that no supports are required. The flowers are of high type, exquisitely sweet, fully 80 per cent. perfectly double, the calyx of which does not split. The range of color, marking, variegations, and shading is simply wonderful. All



**colors mixed.** Per large pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; 1/8 oz. 25 cts.; 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; 1/2 oz. 75 cts.; per oz. \$1.25.

### CARNATIONS AND PICOTEEES.

Large, beautiful, and very fragrant flowers, as perfect in form as the rose. Seeds sown in open ground in May or June will flower splendidly the next season. They are nearly everywhere hardy, but in very cold situations should be protected by straw or a few boughs.

**German, extra fine, Double, mixed.** First quality, 15  
**Choice Double, mixed.** Very good, . . . . . 10  
**Red Grenadin.** From 60 to 70 per cent. produce charming double flowers of a brilliant scarlet, . . . 15  
**Early Vienna.** Very fine for open-ground culture, blooming early in the season; all colors, . . . . . 10  
**Picotee, fine, Double, mixed.** A good strain, . . 15  
**Fancy Picotee, extra fine, mixed.** A superb strain, 25  
**Perpetual, or Tree Carnation.** Choicest mixed, . 25



NEW DOUBLE CORN-BOTTLE.

### CENTAUREA (Corn-Bottle).

The *Blue Bottle*, or *Bachelor's Button*, is one of the most attractive of all hardy annuals, the graceful beauty of its old-fashioned flowers being universally admired. A hardy annual of the easiest growth, and flowers freely and continuously; height two to three feet; flowers excellent for cutting.

PER PKT.

**Cyanus, mixed.** Including dark and light blue, purple, pink, rose, white, etc. Per oz. 25 cts., . . 5  
**Kaiser Wilhelm.** The flowers are of a very rich deep-blue color, most showy and beautiful, . . . . 5  
**New Double, mixed colors.** So perfect that fully 80 per cent. of the flowers are double and semi-double; they are also increased in size and present many bright colors and distinct markings hitherto unknown, . . . . . 10  
**New Dwarf Blue Victoria.** Recently introduced, this lovely novelty has attracted great attention as a distinct new form. The compact and symmetrical bushy plants, six to nine inches high, present a mass of foliage and profusion of graceful azure-blue flowers. In full bloom one month after sowing seed, 10



An absolutely distinct effect of fiery color and bronzy foliage is shown in the new PLUMED CELOSIA, TRIUMPH OF THE EXPOSITION. In the artistic arrangement of the garden, it will give rich and brilliant color.



NEW PLUMED CELOSIA,—Triumph of the Exposition.

## NEW PLUMED CELOSIAS.

**TRIUMPH OF THE EXPOSITION.** This Superb Novelty was first exhibited at the Paris Exposition of 1889. It grows *easily and quickly from seed*, each plant being uniformly of the handsome pyramidal form shown in the illustration; about two and a half feet in height. Of free but regular branching habit, every stem is crowned with a magnificent feathery plume of the *most intensely brilliant red*. A single plant or a row is so vividly brilliant in the sunlight that it is almost painful to look upon—and yet so surpassingly beautiful that it seems impossible to withdraw one's gaze. The splendid color is most admirably shown off by the bronze-colored foliage, making it altogether a highly decorative plant, and one of most unusual merit. Every garden should have it. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

PER PKT.

**Dwarf Feathered.** The plants are very dwarf and compact, twelve to fifteen inches high, presenting a most graceful appearance. It flowers all through the summer, producing in abundance beautiful, large, silky, feather-like blossoms of the most brilliant shades of crimson, scarlet, fiery red, and golden-yellow, etc., . . . . . 10

**Fire-Feathered.** The plant grows three feet high, and the main stem puts forth thirty to thirty-five branches, each crowned with a feathery flower-head of an intense orange-scarlet or fire color, . . . . . 5

**Gold-Feathered.** This is in all respects like the Fire-Feathered Celosia, except that the feathered flower-heads are of a bright golden-orange color, . . . . . 5

**Feathered Varieties, mixed.** Very useful in beds and borders. Per oz. 50 cts., . . . . . 5

## CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

This new climber is widely recommended as a perfectly hardy vine of rare beauty, which, even in the poorest soil, will thrive from early June until cut down by frost, and produce in the greatest profusion large clusters of inverted pea-shaped flowers, delightfully fragrant, one and a half to two and a half inches in diameter, and ranging in color from rosy-violet to reddish-purple, with bright feathered markings through the center. As the seed germinates slowly, we advise soaking it in warm water over night before planting. Per pkt. 10 cts.

## ANNUAL CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

“French Marguerites,” or “Painted Daisies.”



ECLIPSE.

These annual Chrysanthemums have no resemblance whatever to the perennial varieties, also so popular, but have a distinct beauty. The plants grow twelve to eighteen inches high, and produce on long stems beautiful, large flowers of many bright colors, having the appearance of being laid on with a paint brush.

PER PKT.

**Atro-Coccineum** (The Sultan). Flowers a velvety, crimson-maroon, with golden rim next the center, . . . . . 5

**Burridgeanum** (Lord Beaconsfield). Crimson-maroon, with white edge and inner white circle, . . . . . 5

**Eclipse.** Pure golden with a bright purplish-scarlet ring on the ray floret, the disk being brown, . . . . . 10

**Fascination.** Of exceptional beauty, producing large single flowers of a lovely shade of red, . . . . . 10

**Golden Feather.** The dark, velvety disk in the center is surrounded by a circle of bright golden-yellow, followed by another clear-cut circle of rich crimson; beautiful golden foliage, . . . . . 10

**Finest mixed.** Embracing all of the above, . . . . . 5

**CHRYSANTHEMUM—Double. Coronarium mixed.** White and yellow, double flowers, . . . . . 5

**Sulphureum, fl. pl.** Produces numerous very pretty double flowers of a rich lemon color, . . . . . 5

**Inodorum plenissimum.** Although a perennial, it flowers abundantly the first year from seed, each plant producing hundreds of beautiful, perfectly double snow-white flowers, . . . . . 5



THE GIANT SPIDER PLANT

## CLEOME PUNGENS (Giant Spider Plant).

A robust plant, growing vigorously four to five feet high, unaffected by wind or weather, and flowering profusely for months. The flowers are very showy, with long, slender stamens, single petals measuring an inch across, and of a bright rose color. The long, slender seed pods are carried upon still longer stipules, giving the effect of a many-legged spider, with the bright bunch of flowers as the head. It grows freely from seed, thrives luxuriantly, and blooms all summer. It is also one of the very best honey-producing plants. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.

## COBÆA.

**Scandens.** Of rapid growth and large size, with fine foliage. This is one of the most graceful of all annual climbers; large, bell-shaped flowers of a beautiful violet hue. The rapid growth recommends it especially for trellis and arbors; it blooms freely throughout the summer. In planting, place the seed edgewise and cover slightly; water the soil sparingly from the first until the seedlings are out of seed leaf. Per pkt. 10 cts.



COBÆA SCANDENS.



# CINERARIA Hybrida.

## The Showy House Plant.

As will be seen by the illustration from a single plant, the Cineraria is a wonder for wealth of bloom and symmetry of form. The plants grow about as broad as they are high,—averaging fifteen inches,—perfectly circular in shape, and entirely covered with brilliant blossoms. The rich and vivid colors range through all shades of light and bright blue to royal plum-purple, and from shining crimson to deep maroon. Most of the varieties have a well-defined white eye, while the flowers are sharply margined with some high contrasting color. For exhibiting at fairs or flower shows, Cinerarias are unsurpassed for attractiveness. As the seed is easily started and the plants readily grow in good, ordinary soil, no collection of house plants should be without Cinerarias. For full directions for cultivation, see RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED, given free (page 143).

**Hybrida, fine mixed.** All colors. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Hybrida, large-flowering, finest mixed.** Flowers measuring two inches across, of rich colors. Per pkt. 25 cts.

**Double, extra choice mixed.** Perfect globular flowers, of many rich colors, borne well above the foliage, excite admiration, but are not so beautiful as the single-flowered varieties. Per pkt. 25 cts.



CINERARIA HYBRIDA—LARGE-FLOWERING. A Single Plant.

## COCKSCOMBS.

The Cockscomb (*Celosia cristata*) is quite easily grown from seed, and is certainly one of the most showy and brilliant of annuals. The combs of the best varieties often grow a foot or more across the top.



QUEEN OF DWARFS.

- cut and ruffled like fine lace, . . . . . 5
- Queen of Dwarfs.** The plants grow only about eight inches high, are firmly set in the crown with well-balanced, large heads ten to twelve inches across. Of uniform habit of growth, presenting a solid effect in color, which is rich ruby-red of extreme brilliancy, 10
- Variegated.** Variegated yellow and scarlet, . . . . 5
- Dwarf, mixed.** Large, solid heads of bloom, . . . . 5

- PER PKT.
- Dwarf Golden Rose.** Large, full combs of bright rose, marked with a central stripe of clear golden-yellow, . . . 10
- New Giant Empress.** Mammoth, bright purple combs, lustrous bronze foliage, . . . 10
- Glasgow Prize, or Tom Thumb.** A fine dwarf variety, dark leaves and crimson combs, . . 10
- New Japan.** The combs are delicately

## CONVOLVULUS MINOR.

The Dwarf Morning Glory is a beautiful plant of trailing habit, growing twelve inches high. They make a fine border for flower beds, and are equally beautiful when planted in small beds by themselves. The flowers are bright and varied in coloring, some delicately striped, and others marked with broad bands of rich blue, purple, or rose. Very free-blooming, remaining open longer than the tall-growing varieties.

- Crimson-Violet.** Beautiful flowers; yellow eye encircled with a band of snowy-white margined with rich crimson-violet. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . . . 5
- Striped.** White striped with blue; pretty, . . . . 5
- Tricolor Roseus.** Beautiful rose-colored flowers with pure white center, fringed with purple, and shading toward golden-yellow. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . . . 5
- Mixed.** Many bright colors. Per oz. 15 cts., . . . 5
- Mauritanicus.** A prostrate twining plant, very useful for hanging baskets. Bears profusely handsome blue flowers with white throat, . . . . . 10

## CONVOLVULUS (Morning Glory).

Seed of the well-known Morning Glory is so cheap, the flowers so bright, and the vines of such rapid growth, that it should be largely planted to cover unsightly outhouses.

**Striped.** See illustration. The large and handsome flowers are of great beauty. On a white ground they are variously striped and blotched with red, blue, and rose. Per pkt. 5 cts.

**Fine mixed.** Embracing a great variety of colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.; per oz. 10 cts.



CONVOLVULUS, STRIPED.

## COSMOS.

**Hybridus.** Of very rapid growth, and make large bushes, fully five feet high, which are a mass of elegant foliage until they bloom in August. From September until November each plant is covered with hundreds of showy blossoms, two inches in diameter. The flowers resemble single Dahlias, and are pure white, flesh color, charming light pink, and deep rose in color, each with a bright yellow center. They are very easily raised and make a grand display.

- PER PKT.
- Pure White.** Large, white flowers; extremely beautiful; very valuable for florists, . . . . . 10
- Pure Pink.** Beautiful, large flowers of a clear, delicate pink color, . . . . . 10
- All colors mixed,** . . . . . 5
- New Mammoth Cosmos,—Giants of California.** A new strain, especially notable for purity of color and gigantic size of flowers. See Flower Seed Novelties described on pink paper. Finest mixed, . . . . 10







CYCLAMEN PERSICUM.

## CYCLAMENS.

Enthusiastic admirers declare that these splendid, bulbous-rooted plants possess more rare beauty of form, foliage, and flower than any other class outside of Orchids. *C. Persicum* (Persian) represents the highest state of perfection to which Cyclamens have been brought. The only practical way to grow them is from seed, which develops into compressed perennial root-stocks, from which are thrown up superb broad, massive foliage, handsomely variegated and veined. The flower-stems spring directly from the root, and gracefully bear well above the foliage fifty to one hundred richly colored, orchid-like winged flowers. The colors range from pearly-white to darkest crimson, with all the intermediate shadings, variations, and markings in delicate contrast. See full directions for sowing, cultivating, and keeping over winter in RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED, given free (see page 143). PKT.

**Persicum** (Persian), splendid mixed. All colors, . 15  
**Giganteum**, mixed. Beautifully-mottled leaves, and very large flowers of rich colors, . . . . . 25

## CYCLANTHERA.

**Explodens**. Attains a height of ten feet; is quite a pretty vine with minute white flowers, and bears oval fruits, which explode with a loud noise, . . . 5  
**Pedata**. Dense foliage; large leaves are deeply lobed, 5

## CYPRESS VINE.

One of the most elegant vines, with delicate, fern-like foliage, and beautiful, star-shaped flowers.



**Scarlet**. Intensely rich scarlet, . . . . . 5  
**White**. Purest paper-white, . . . . . 5  
**Mixed**. Both scarlet and white. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . . . 5

**Scarlet Ivy-Leaved**. Entirely distinct in flowers and foliage. The deeply-lobed, ivy-like leaves make a dense screen, from which the great, fork-like racemes of fiery orange-scarlet flowers stand out in countless numbers. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . 5

**Fordhook Mixed**. No vines are more graceful and attractive for covering

trellises, fences, tree-stumps, etc., while few grow so easily from seed. We offer a mixture of all varieties at the cheap price of 25 cts. per oz., . . . . . 5



NEW STRIPED SINGLE DAHLIA

## DAHLIAS,—From Seed.

Every one knows and admires the Double Dahlia, but comparatively few are aware that it can be grown so easily from seed and flowers so beautifully the first season that the purchase of bulbs is a needless expense. PKT.

**Large-Flowering Double**, or Show, mixed, . . . . . 10  
**Extra Choice Large-Flowering Double**. This splendid strain is saved from a large collection of perfectly double varieties, . . . . . 15

**Choice Pompon**, mixed, . . . . . 10  
**Extra Choice Selected Pompon**, mixed, . . . . . 15

**Superb Single Dahlias**. These are very easily raised from seed; they begin to flower in July, . . . . . 10

**New Striped Single Dahlias** (*Dahlia gracilis*). The extra large single flowers comprise a wonderful variety of colors, beautifully striped, flaked, mottled, and dotted in a charming manner, . . . . . 15

**New Tom Thumb Dahlias**. The perfect little plants, only twelve to fifteen inches high, are covered with showy, pretty flowers, which are produced in great variety, . . . . . 15

## DATURA (Angel's Trumpet).

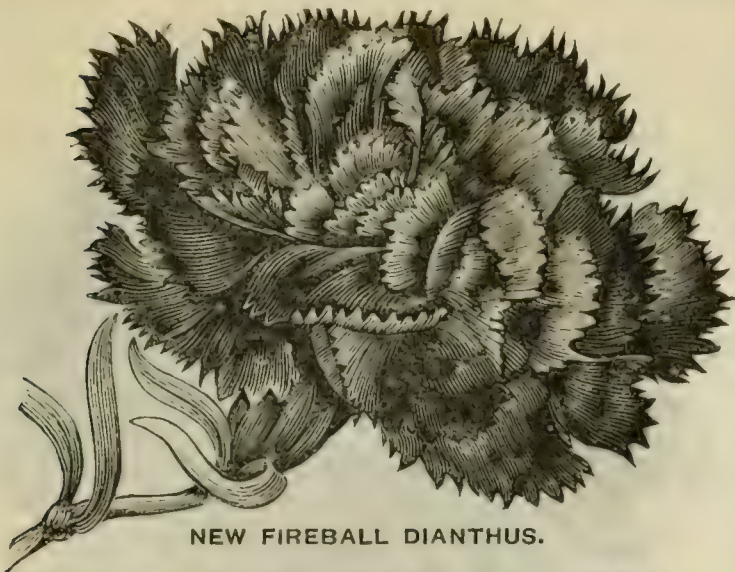
Very showy, large-branching plants, growing three to five feet high, bearing immense, trumpet-shaped flowers, six inches in length and very fragrant. They bloom freely from seed sown in the open ground the first season, but the roots can be taken up and kept over winter the same as Dahlias.

**Cornucopia** (*Horn of Plenty*). Thick, brownish-purple, shining stems, spreading three or four feet in every direction, with dark-green, large leaves. The grand, trumpet-shaped flowers measure seven to nine inches in length and four to six inches across, and are formed of three distinct trumpet flowers growing each within the other; the mouth of the corolla is a delicate white, outside richly marbled with purple, 10  
**Wrightii**. Large, single, white flowers, . . . . . 5  
**Fastuosa**, fl. pl. Large Double White, . . . . . 5  
**Fastuosa**, fl. pl. Double Purple, . . . . . 5  
**Chlorantha**, fl. pl. Large, double, golden-yellow, funnel-shaped flowers; sweet-scented, . . . . . 5  
**Mixed**. Seeds of all the above, . . . . . 5

## DIANTHUS—Fordhook Favorites.

Every year we test all the varieties of both the Chinese and Japanese Pinks, and few flowers at FORDHOOK FARM are annually more admired than our beautiful collection of these popular favorites. While in full bloom we have carefully noted the best and most attractive varieties, including both large-flowered single and double sorts, which we have embraced in this special mixture. This mixture is unquestionably the best ever offered, embracing, as it does, the finest varieties grown separately. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; ¼ oz. 30 cts.; per oz. \$1.00.





NEW FIREBALL DIANTHUS.

### THREE NEW DOUBLE PINKS.

**DWARF FIREBALL.** This distinct novelty is dwarf and compact in growth; flowers of fine form and large size. Until checked by severe frost, the plants are constantly covered with brilliant *blood-red*, perfectly double lacinated flowers; undoubtedly *the most brilliant annual Pink*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**DWARF SNOWBALL.** A fitting companion to the preceding, differing only in the flowers, which are *double white*. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**NEW LARGE-FLOWERED DWARF DOUBLE HYBRID PINKS.** In *Superb Mixture*. In the possession of a noted German grower we found this strain of very large-flowered Dwarf Double Pinks, which had originated as hybrids of the taller-growing strain of *Dianthus Chinensis Heddeiggii, fl. pl.* The splendid dwarf plants grow only nine to ten inches high and are loaded with extra large, double flowers of perfect form and brilliant colors. The flowers are of fine substance and frequently measure three inches across. They embrace all colors, from pure white to deep crimson, while most of the flowers are beautifully variegated and fantastically marked. Really a superb strain! Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### DIANTHUS (PINK).

The China and Japan Pinks are deservedly very popular, as few flowers can equal them in beauty and profusion of bloom. They comprise many distinct and most beautifully marked varieties, of rich and varied colors. They bloom continually all summer and fall, until severe frost; they live over winter and bloom finely again the second season. They are alike ornamental in the garden and for bouquets. Plants ten to fifteen inches high, and are of the easiest cultivation.

PER PKT.

- Chinensis** (*Double Chinese Pinks*). Clusters of small double flowers; finest mixed. Per oz. 50 cts., . . . 5
- Chinensis albus, fl. pl.** Double white, . . . . . 5
- Diadematus, fl. pl.** (*Double Diadem Pink*). Marked like the original Chinese pinks; very double, large flowers, magnificent in color and variety, . . . . . 5
- Heddeiggii, finest Single, mixed.** Flowers two to three inches in diameter. Per oz. 75 cts., . . . . . 5
- Heddeiggii, fl. pl.** Finest double, mixed, in great variety; extra choice. Per oz. 75 cts., . . . . . 5
- Hedewiggii albus pleno.** Double white, . . . . . 5
- atrosanguineus, fl. pl.** Double, dark red, . . . . . 5
- Mourning Cloak.** Very double, large flowers; ground color very dark mahogany, almost black, each petal edged with a *clear-cut* margin of pure white, . . . . . 5
- Crimson Belle.** Very large, single, dark-red flowers, . . . . . 5
- Eastern Queen.** Magnificent single flowers, two to four inches across; splendidly striped and stained, . . . . . 5
- The Bride.** The very large and handsome single flowers are pure white with deep purplish-red center, surrounded by a still darker ring, . . . . . 10
- Imperialis, fl. pl.** (*Double Imperial Pinks*). Finest mixed, many bright colors. Per oz. 75 cts., . . . . . 5
- Laciniatus.** Large single, fringed flowers; mixed, . . . . . 5
- Laciniatus, fl. pl.** Magnificent, large, perfectly double and deeply fringed flowers; finest mixed, . . . . . 5
- Double Red Blotched.** The flowers are of the purest snowy white, blotched with red, . . . . . 5
- Our own mixture of all the above splendid varieties.** Per ½ oz. 35 cts.; per oz. 60 cts., . . . . . 5

The collection of above 15 pkts. mailed for 60 cts.



### DOLICHOS (Hyacinth Bean).

Of very rapid growth, the old Hyacinth Bean makes a dense, attractive screen.

PER PKT.

- Lablab.** Purple and white mixed, . . . . . 5
- Atrosanguineus.** The leaves are both light and dark green, prominently veined with red, the stalk and stems are dark red, and the large clusters of flowers, borne well out from the foliage, are of a beautiful deep-rose color, while the large, shining seed-pods are an intense blood-red, . . . . . 5
- New Yellow Dolichos.** This beautiful and prolific bloomer should have a place in every flower-garden, or wherever bare walls or unsightly objects are to be hidden from the eye. Erect racemes of bright-yellow blossoms, similar in shape to half-opened pea blossoms, form at every joint, and the leaves and stems are covered with downy, grayish hairs, producing a most novel effect. The blossoms are succeeded by slender, rounded pods, which lend additional beauty to the vines, and are far more effective than the broad, coarse pods found in other varieties, . . . . . 10
- The four mixed, as named above,** . . . . . 5



ESCHSCHOLTZIA MARITIMA.

### ESCHSCHOLTZIA (California Poppy).

- Mixed.** Flowers yellow, orange, and white, leaves finely cut; height ten to twelve inches; very showy, . . . . . 5
- Mandarin.** The inner side of petals is of a rich orange, the outer a mandarin scarlet, . . . . . 5
- Crocea, fl. pl.** Of a rich, deep orange; wonderfully effective and glowing in color; semi-double, . . . . . 5
- Maritima.** This new California Poppy is quite distinct. The leaves are of a silvery-gray color and beautifully lacinated. Each single flower, of large size, is of a bright canary-yellow with an orange center, . . . . . 10

### EUPHORBIAS.

- Heterophylla.** This is a beautiful New "**Annual Poinsettia**," or Mexican Fire Plant. Of decidedly branching, bush-like form, with smooth, glossy leaves. The leaves are at first entirely green, but about midsummer, at the end of each branch appear greenish-white flowers, enveloped in *beautiful orange-scarlet bracts*, and the surrounding leaves are either *blotched with vivid carmine* or are *carmine with green tips*, . . . . . 10
- Marginata** (*Snow-on-the-Mountain*). A hardy annual, growing two feet high, with beautiful foliage, elegantly veined and margined with white; very showy. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . . . 5



## FEVERFEW.

*Matricaria eximia*, fl. pl.



The highly esteemed *Bachelor's-Buttons* of the old-time garden. Plants are pyramidal in growth, eight inches high, with dark-green leaves, which are laciniated like a finely cut fern. The plant is surmounted by numerous tall, freely branching flower-stems, which attain a height of eighteen inches, and are literally covered with very double pure white flowers, an inch in diameter. The great profusion of fine flowers, with long, slender stems, make this valuable to grow for cut-flowers. Per pkt. 5 cts.

## FORGET-ME-NOT.



**MYOSOTIS (Forget-me-Not).** These well-known garden favorites succeed best in moist, shady situations, but grow

and bloom well in almost any flower bed, flowering freely from seed the first summer.

PER PKT.

**Palustris.** The true marsh Forget-me-Not, . . . . . 5

**Alpestris.** Blue, dwarf, free-flowering, . . . . . 5

**Alpestris alba.** White; height six inches, . . . . . 5

**Semperflorens.** A dwarf, blue variety, . . . . . 10

**Eliza Fonrobert.** The flowers are of a beautiful, sky-blue color, with a yellow eye, . . . . . 10

**Elegantissima.** Flowers are sky-blue and leaves variegated, . . . . . 10

## FUCHSIAS.



SINGLE AND DOUBLE FUCHSIA.

Fine plants of Fuchsias can easily be raised from the seed, which will bloom freely during the summer in a cool, moist situation in the open air. On the approach of frost in the fall, they can be taken up and planted in pots, using a light, well-drained compost, and will continue to flower freely during the winter months if placed in a sunny window.

**FUCHSIAS, Double and Single, mixed,** . . . . . 15

**Superb Mixed.** The very finest Double and Single Fuchsias, saved from splendid varieties, . . . . . 25

**THE TRAILING FUCHSIA (Procumbens).** One of the prettiest trailing plants imaginable. The vines are of graceful habit, with pretty leaves and bright red berries, which make a fine effect hanging over the side of a pot, basket, or vase, . . . . . 15



SALMON-RED GAILLARDIA.

## GAILLARDIAS.

Although long neglected, the Single Gaillardia, or *Blanket Flower*, has lately come into well-deserved popularity. Of magnificent size and wonderful profusion, the flowers are greatly admired for their fine forms and rich blending of colors; they thrive everywhere.

PER PKT.

**Amblyodon.** Clear, bright red, . . . . . 5

**Aurora Borealis.** Flowery heads composed of clusters of gold, crimson, and white, . . . . . 5

**Salmon-Red (Sun-Kissed).** Large single flowers, salmon-red, distinctly edged with bright orange, . . . . . 5

**Fine mixed.** Including all the above and also other varieties. This mixture, although so cheap, is equal to any high-priced "hybrids." Per oz. 25 cts., . . . . . 5

**Picta Lorenziana (New Double Gaillardia).** As will be seen by the illustration, this new double-flowering Gaillardia is entirely distinct. It succeeds well everywhere, and its large, gay-colored double flowers are produced most abundantly, without intermission, from July until frost, and are valuable for cutting. The colors embrace sulphur, golden-yellow, orange, amaranth, and claret, . . . . . 5



## GERANIUMS.

Easily raised from seed, which will frequently reward the cultivator with charming new varieties. Plants from seed started early will bloom the first summer in the garden. PER PKT.

**Zonale. Mixed.** . . . . . 10

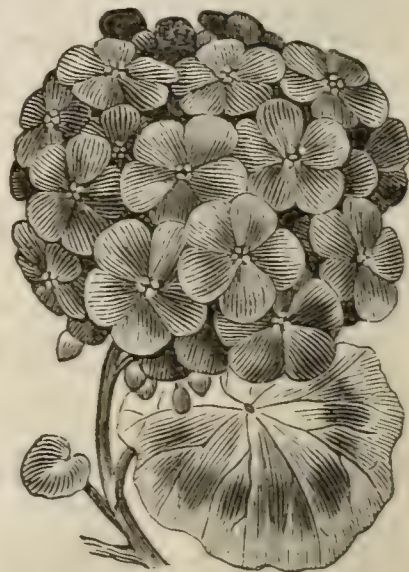
**Zonale, extra choice mixed.** Saved from the best varieties of Single Geraniums, . . . . . 15

**Fancy mixed Pelargoniums (Lady Washington Geraniums).** Very choice and rare varieties, . . . . . 25

**Finest Double.** Produces a good percentage of fine double flowers. Packet of 15 seeds, . . . . . 50

**Apple Scented.** This favorite with sweet-scented leaves can best be grown from seed, . . . . . 25

**Fordhook Fashion Geraniums** in splendid mixture, including single and double Geraniums and fancy Pelargoniums, embracing a grand range of forms and colors, . . . . . 20



SINGLE GERANIUM.





GLOXINIA,—LARGE-FLOWERING HYBRID.

From a Photograph, as grown at Fordhook Farm.

## GLOXINIAS,—Large-Flowering Hybrids.

Flowers from Seed in Four Months.

The art of the hybridizer is well shown in the superb, erect, large-flowering hybrids of Gloxinias, as grown and seeded at FORDHOOK FARM. Unlike the old type, with its drooping flowers and weak, thin foliage, this superb new race bears its splendid trumpet-shaped blooms gracefully erect,—thus showing the full beauty of the throat,—while the rich, large, dark-green foliage is in itself very ornamental. The flowers measure two to three inches across and three to four inches in depth. The colors, shadings, blendings, dotted and tigered markings, are enchanting in soft yet striking loveliness. The general belief is, that to succeed with Gloxinias, matured bulbs are necessary. We have found the contrary to be true, as at FORDHOOK FARM the past season, from seed sown the ninth of March, plants began to bloom the first week in July,—four months from sowing the seed. As some caution, however, is necessary, the culture and care of Gloxinias from seed is plainly told in RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED—given free. (See page 143.)

**Erect, Large-Flowering Hybrids, best mixed.**

Seed saved from the grand collection at FORDHOOK FARM—all colors and markings, . . . . . 25  
The same in half-size packets at 15 cts.

## HELIANTHUS (Sunflower).

All the varieties named below can be used effectively in hiding unsightly spots. The larger and coarser growing varieties are recommended for planting in damp or swampy places, as they are believed to prevent malaria.



**The Dahlia.** Produces numerous bright golden-yellow flowers, which are generally perfectly double, . . . 5

**Globosus fistulosus.** Of enormous size, double, . . . 5

**Mammoth Russian.** Per oz. 10 cts., . . . 5

**Argyrophyllus (The Silver-Leaved Sunflower).** Grow five feet high, with large leaves of a shining silver color; large single flowers, . . . 5

**Primrose.** Of stately appearance, the flowers present a striking contrast,—

light primrose with very dark center, . . . . . 10  
**The Miniature Sunflower (Helianthus cucumerifolius).** Covered with hundreds of the brightest orange-colored, small flowers, . . . . . 10

## HELIOTROPE.

Every one loves the delightful fragrance and beauty of the Heliotrope, but very few are aware of the fact that it can be raised from seed as easily as the Verbena. From seed sown in the open ground the plants will flower in August, while a fine display can be had earlier by starting the seed in the house and setting out plants when the weather is warm.

PER PKT.

**Lemoine's Giant Hybrids.** See Novelties.

**Dark Bouquet.** The large flower heads are intensely dark, of the deepest blue in color and most deliciously fragrant; it comes true from the seed, . . . 10

**The Black King.** The luxuriant and healthy plants bloom profusely until frost, when they can be taken into the house. The richly fragrant flowers are borne in immense clusters; extra rich, dark purple—nearly black, . . . 10

**Anna Turrell.** Handsome flower trusses; an extremely rich shade of dark blue, . . . . . 10

**Lady in White.** The superb large clusters of deliciously fragrant flowers are of spotless white, . . . 10

**Choice mixed of many varieties,** . . . . . 10

**Mixed,** such as generally sold, . . . . . 5



HELIOTROPE, DARK BOUQUET.

## ICE PLANT

(Mesembryanthemum crystallinum).

Fine for vases; singular icy foliage, . . . . . 5

## FORDHOOK STRAIN OF Superb Double HOLLYHOCKS.

The illustration conveys but a faint idea of the great beauty of the magnificent long spikes crowded with double flowers three to four inches across, and all of the brightest colors. The flowers are quite as beautiful and perfect as those of the Camellia; they are massed completely around the spikes. Those who

saw our grand crop the past season will remember it as a sight never to be forgotten. Beyond doubt *Chateaux's Superb Double Hollyhocks*, as grown by us, are the finest strain in cultivation, and will prove a revelation to many unacquainted with their remarkable perfection. **All Colors, finest mixed.** Per pkt. 10 cts.: 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Hollyhocks, fine Double, mixed.** A choice strain, not equal to *Fordhook Superb Double Hollyhocks*, but with large, generally double flowers ranging through a great variety of colors. Per pkt. 5 cts.



## HUMULUS (Japanese Hop).

**Japonicus.** The foliage resembles that of the common Hop, but has more incisions and is very dense and of a lively green; the stems and leaves are somewhat rough and hairy. Per pkt. 5 cts.

See Variegated HOP, next page.





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New—  
Japanese—  
Variegated—  
Hop.

We recommend this extremely handsome and distinct climbing vine as very valuable for trellises and high places. The leaves are strikingly variegated and marked; the first color is bright, deep green, distinctly marked and blotched with silvery white tinged with yellow; now and then a leaf will be almost snowy white, and another one, not far away, almost green. A superb, strong grower, twenty to thirty feet in a few weeks' time; not injured by heat or insects. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

### IPOMŒA.

Rapid-growing annual climbing vines, with ornamental foliage and beautiful, most varied-colored flowers. Valuable climbers for the garden and as easily grown as the common Morning Glory.

**SETOSA (The New Brazilian Morning Glory).** A grand and luxuriant twining vine, which twists



IPOMŒA SETOSA.

tightly about its supports. The lobed leaves are from eight to twelve inches across. Flowers about three inches in diameter, tinted pink, with a five-pointed star of satiny pink, followed by curious, heavy seed pods, 10

**FORD HOOK FINE MIXED.**

The plants from this mixture cannot fail to delight all purchasers, as it is prepared by ourselves from seed of many

beautiful varieties, including *Ipomœa Setosa*. A single package will give an interesting variety, both in flower and foliage, while all are of the easiest growth. Per oz. 40 cts., 10

**Bona Nox (Good Night, or Evening Glory).** Most beautiful large, violet flowers, 5

**Coccinea (Star Ipomœa).** Of wonderfully rapid growth; dense foliage, covered with hundreds of the brightest small, scarlet flowers; very showy, 5

**Hederacea grandiflora superba.** Rich sky-blue flowers, white margin; very handsome, 5

**Hederacea grandiflora superba alba.** White flowers, 5

**Grandiflora, Striped-Leaved, mixed.** Flowers fragrant and beautiful, mostly of an intense ultramarine blue, edged with sky-blue and with a pink throat, 5

**Choice mixed.** In large variety. Per oz. 25 cts., 5

### LARKSPUR.

Well-known annuals of great beauty, and noted for richness of their colors.

**Double Dwarf Rocket.** Finest mixed, 5

**Tall Rocket.** Double mixed, 5

**Emperor Larkspur.** Really splendid, a single plant having fifty or more erect spikes of flowers, 5

Where an attractive, ornamental climber is desired that will stand rough usage, we have nothing better.



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A HEAD OF LANTANA.

### LANTANA.

PER PKT.

**Finest mixed.** For a continuous show of bright-colored flowers the Lantana is almost unrivaled. The shrub-like plants are dwarf and compact in habit of growth, and are very profuse bloomers, bearing the flowers in large clusters or sprays. The plants can be taken up in the fall, well cut back, and will bloom freely all winter if placed where they can have plenty of sunlight, . . . . . 10

### LATHYRUS (Perennial Peas).

These *Perennial Peas*, while lacking the delicious fragrance of the *Sweet Peas*, are equally as beautiful, and are very valuable from the fact that they are in full bloom early in the spring, before the others have begun to flower. They live year after year, bearing magnificent clusters of flowers. Perfectly hardy and grow eight to ten feet high.

PER PKT.

**Purple.** Clusters of purple flowers, 5

**White.** Clusters of the purest white flowers, 10

**Mixed.** Easily grown; flowers purple and white, 5

**Splendens.** This beautiful species, from California, has dark-red colored flowers and finely cut foliage, . . . . . 10



PERENNIAL PEA.

### LEMON VERBENA.

This popular half-hardy shrub can be grown in the house during the winter or planted in a box and kept in the cellar. The plants grow about two feet high, branching freely, each branch terminating in a pyramid of small, white flowers. The leaves have a delicate, lemon-like fragrance. Per pkt. 10 cts.

### LINARIA (Kenilworth Ivy).

**Cymbalaria.** This is a very pretty trailing species for rockwork, stumps, vases, and hanging baskets. Per pkt. 15 cts.

### LOPHOSPERMUM.

**Scandens.** This is one of the most beautiful climbing annuals in cultivation in this country and is very easily grown. It has elegant, graceful flowers, which are of large size, resembling foxgloves in shape, and of a rich rosy-purple color. The flowers are produced in profusion, while the foliage is also extremely beautiful. Per pkt. 10 cts.





STAR OF ISCHL—LOBELIAS—WHITE GEM.

## LOBELIAS.

Very dwarf plants, growing four to six inches high and forming dense masses of flowers. Of easy culture, and well adapted for bedding, edging, pots, or rockeries.

PER PKT.

- Erinus compacta.** Deep, rich blue.  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 75 cts., . . 5  
**Erinus compacta alba.** White.  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. 75 cts., . . 5  
**Erinus, Crystal Palace.** Dark blue, splendid, . . 5  
**Erinus compacta oculata.** The plants are literally covered with flowers of the *deepest blue*, which is heightened by the clear white eye, . . . . . 10  
**Star of Ischl.** Of very dwarf, erect growth, forming dense balls of charming *dark-blue* flowers, . . . . . 10  
**White Gem.** Dense balls of *purest white*, . . . . . 10  
**Finest Mixed Erinus Varieties.** Per oz. 50 cts., . . 5  
**Empress Augusta.** While this will still throw a large percentage of blue flowers, the white ones are so superior in size of flowers to any other White Lobelia that it is well worth growing, . . . . . 10  
**Cardinalis (Cardinal Flower).** A hardy perennial, which often blooms the first season, . . . . . 10



NEW TOM THUMB, MARVEL-OF-PERU.

## MARVEL-OF-PERU (Mirabilis).

The *Marvel-of-Peru*, or *Four-o'clock*, is as easily grown as a weed, and yet is one of the most brilliant and showy of annuals. Planted in beds or masses, their compact growth, rich, glossy leaves, together with their profusion and diversity of bloom, present a gorgeous sight during the afternoon.

PER PKT.

- Marvel-of-Peru, mixed.** All colors. Per oz. 15 cts., 5  
**Variegated.** Brilliant flowers, in rich contrast to the lovely *gold-striped foliage*. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . 5  
**White Tom Thumb.** Only ten inches high, . . . . . 5  
**New Tom Thumb, mixed.** Very handsome, compact, dwarf, bushy plants, with elegant golden-variegated foliage; numerous brilliant flowers, pure yellow, deep red, and striped and blotched, . . . . . 5  
**Longiflora.** Tubular white flowers, very sweet, . . . 5  
**Multiflora.** The name *Multiflora* (many-flowered) comes from its large violet flowers collected together in bouquets of nine to twelve. It flowers from seed the first year and is perfectly hardy, . . . . . 10



THE SINGLE MARIGOLD,—LEGION OF HONOR.

## Marigold, Legion of Honor.

The Prettiest of all Dwarf Marigolds.

Dwarf, compact, and of pyramidal growth, about fifteen inches high, with dark-green, fern-like leaves, furnishing a striking background for the bright, *golden, star-like flowers distributed over the surface*. The blooms are of medium size, rich golden-yellow, with the center of each petal broadly marked with velvety *crimson-brown*, and with clustering stamens in bright shades of orange-yellow. Blooms abundantly from July until cut down by frost. So easily raised from seed that we strongly recommend it to every one. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## MARIGOLDS (French Dwarf).

Those who are familiar only with the tall or straggling Marigold can scarcely realize the unusual beauty of these dwarf, compact strains.

PER PKT.

- Brown Marble.** The little plants when only six inches high are full of flowers, while the bushes are always very dwarf and compact, growing only eight to ten inches high. The flowers are perfectly double and of a rich reddish-brown, marked with orange, 10  
**Double Pulchra.** The plants grow only twelve inches high, with unusually dark-green foliage. Each flower is perfectly double, of rich golden-yellow, with deep, velvety-brown center, . . . . . 10  
**Orange Ball.** This is also just as dwarf, compact, and handsome. Double; rich orange color, . . . . . 10  
**French Compact Gold Striped.** Handsome flowers, striped regularly with brown on yellow ground, . . 5  
**French Double Dwarf.** Mixed colors. Double, . . 5

## MARIGOLDS (African).

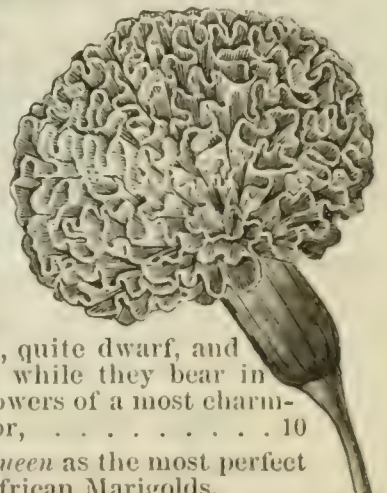
The African varieties are stronger in habit and produce larger flowers than the French.

- African Double, mixed.** All varieties, . . . . . 5  
**El Dorado, or Dahlia-Flowered.** The large, bushy

plants have as many as 75 to 100 flowers in full bloom at one time. The flowers are perfectly double and of enormous size, measuring from three and a half to four inches across. They embrace four shades of color—the lightest primrose, lemon, rich golden-yellow, and deep, glowing orange, . . . . . 5

- Lemon Queen.** The plants are of good, circular form, quite dwarf, and very compact in growth, while they bear in profusion fine, globular flowers of a most charming clear, light-lemon color, . . . . . 10

We consider the *Lemon Queen* as the most perfect type of all large-flowered African Marigolds.



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This is a book for the million who love flowers! It is written in easy conversational style by E. D. DARLINGTON, who plainly tells how to succeed with flowers in the home and in the garden. Have you read it? If not, we would advise you to do so—and you will doubtless learn much to help you to Beautify Home Surroundings. Mailed upon receipt of 10 cts., or can be selected Free as a premium on a dollar order.

Please read about all our BOOKS mentioned on pages 6 to 11,—FREE as premiums.



## MIGNONETTE.

The Mignonette (a French name for My Little Darling) is a universal favorite on account of its sweet and delicate fragrance. The seed should be scattered liberally in sunny situations. The flowers of some of the newer varieties, described below, are of wonderful perfection.

PER PKT.  
**Reseda odorata, Sweet Mignonette.** Per oz. 15 cts., . . . 5  
**Odorata grandiflora ameliorata.** Per oz. 20 cts., . . . 5  
**Giant Pyramidal.** Of compact, pyramidal habit. Oz. 35 cts., 5  
**Parson's White Tree.** The best white. Per oz. 50 cts., . . 5  
**Golden Queen.** A fine variety, with flowers of a golden hue. Per oz. 40 cts., . . . 5

**IMPROVED GOLDEN QUEEN.** The improvement shown in this variety delighted all who saw it at Fordhook. The habit of growth is about perfect; the foliage is a beautiful green, while the large flower spikes are densely covered with florets of a pleasing, light, golden-yellow color; deliciously fragrant; none better for cutting. 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; ½ oz. 50 cts., . . . 10

**QUAKER CITY.** The flower spikes are of great substance, very full, rounded at the top, of a handsome gold-red color, and unusually rich, sweet fragrance. The foliage is very dark green, and the magnificent heads are produced profusely and continuously. ½ oz. 50 cts., 10

**PURE MACHET.** Of vigorous, pyramidal growth, with very thick, dark-green leaves; numerous stout flower stalks, bearing massive spikes of deliciously scented gray flowers, of great substance. ½ oz. 50 cts.; per oz. 90 cts., . . . 10

**NEW GIANT-FLOWERED RED.** The plants are of pyramidal form and elegant appearance, grow compactly and vigorously twelve to sixteen inches, and are very abundant in bloom. The flower spikes are of the largest size, and the single blossoms are of a striking red color. All who know the gray-colored Machet Mignonette and its fine flowers will welcome this distinct NEW GIANT RED when they learn that it is larger both in flower spikes and individual flowers, while the color is a strikingly distinct red. 3 pkts. for 25 cts., . 10

**ERFURT.** Some years ago a well-known seedsman of Erfurt introduced in his retail catalogue "*Heinemann's New Double Mignonette*," and claimed that he now had an entirely new selection,—a double-flowered Mignonette. While not entitled to the name, New Double Mignonette, yet the flowers are so uniformly perfect that we offer it under the name of *Erfurt Mignonette*, and are sure our customers will consider it one of the finest of all Mignonettes, . 10

**NEW GIANT GABRIELLE.** Mignonette is one of our favorite flowers at FORDHOOK FARM, where large areas are grown annually. For several years we have been most favorably impressed with this variety from the Hartz Mountains in Germany. It is hardy and vigorous, with strong, large spikes of delicious fragrance. We are confident it will give general satisfaction. 3 pkts. 25 cts.; ½ oz. 50 cts., . . . 10

**Mixed,** including many varieties, but not equal to the "*Fordhook Finest*,"—a new special mixture described below. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . 5

**Giant White Spiral.** Botanically this is not really a Mignonette, but a species—*Reseda alba*. In some localities it is fragrant; it is quite showy in growth, with very long spikes of bloom, . . . 5

**FORDHOOK FINEST MIGNONETTES, Mixed.** We annually grow at FORDHOOK a

large area of the choicest Mignonettes for seed. This year we have made a special mixture of seed of the finest varieties, including equal proportions of *The New Giant Red*, *Pure Machet*, *Erfurt*, *Improved Golden Queen*, *New Giant Gabrielle*, and *Quaker City*, which we offer at 10 cts. per large pkt., 3 pkts. for 25 cts., or ½ oz. for 50 cts. This mixture is especially recommended to plant for cutting.



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## MIMULUS (Monkey-Flower).

Tender-looking plants, with singularly shaped and brilliantly colored flowers, blotched and spotted in every conceivable manner. Excellent for baskets or vases, while they thrive well in the garden if planted in partial shade.

PER PKT.  
**Tigrinus.** Fine hybrid varieties, mixed, . . . 5  
**Tigrinus grandiflorus.** Very large-flowered, new tigered and spotted varieties; most beautiful, . . . 10  
**Moschatus (Musk Plant).** Leaves musk-scented, . 5  
**Moschatus compactus (New Compact Musk Plant).** Of very compact habit, forming beautiful, small, round balls, like little, round green tufts, completely covered with the bright-yellow flowers, . . . 10

## THE MOON FLOWER.

No one who has a trellis or arbor to cover should neglect to plant THE MOON FLOWER—the most rapid growing of all annual climbing vines.

**THE MOON FLOWER—The OLD "Original" Variety.** Makes an immense growth of vine and dense, glossy, green foliage, but must be started early to flower in the North. The large flowers are a beautiful blue and others pure white. Even when it does not bloom it is one of the handsomest vines in cultivation, on account of its quick-growing and dense foliage. Pkt. 10 cts.

**THE MOON FLOWER—White-Seeded.** This is the variety most generally grown, being larger in flower, firmer in texture, and of sweeter odor than the *Black-seeded* variety, which we have now discarded; the vines are almost covered with thousands of immense white flowers, many of them measuring over seven inches across. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**THE MOON FLOWER—New Cross-Bred, or Hybrid Variety.** Of great value for the North, as it is in full bloom one month before the *White-Seeded*. The flowers are four to six inches across, and very numerous. The foliage is of three distinct types. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.





**MUSA ENSETE (The Abyssinian Banana Tree).**

Strikingly effective as single specimens as well as in clumps or masses. The rapidity of its growth is astonishing; seed sown early in hot-beds and repotted several times will give plants eight feet high the first summer. They can be stored in a cellar during the winter with a covering of soil, or planted in a tub, watered sparingly, and will attain gigantic proportions the second season. The leaves are magnificently long, broad and massive, of a beautiful bright green. Per pkt. of 5 seeds, . . . . . 25



**NICOTIANA (Tobacco Plant).**

**Affinis.** The most ornamental of all flowering varieties of the Tobacco Plant. Produces splendid pure white, Bouvardia-like flowers on long terminal tubes. When its large flowers are fully expanded in the evening and morning it has a most striking effect, and is so fragrant that a small bed will perfume the whole surrounding atmosphere. Taken up in the fall, cut back, and potted, it will bloom freely all winter. Very easily grown, . . . . . 10



NICOTIANA.

**ORNAMENTAL GOURDS.**

A large and interesting class, producing a great variety of curious fruits, many of which are peculiarly marked.

**Gooseberry.** Small, green fruits, . . . . . 5

**Lemon.** Yellow fruits, . . . . . 5

**Hercules' Club.** Club-shaped, four feet long, . . . 5

**Japanese Nest Egg.** See description, page 64, . . . 10

**Miniature Bottle-Shaped,** . . . . . 5

**Onion.** Small, yellow, . . . . . 5

**Orange.** The well-known Mock Orange, . . . . . 5

**Pear-Shaped.** Green, striped with cream, . . . . . 5

**Melopepo.** Flat, striped green and white, . . . . . 5

**Apple.** Small, handsome fruits, . . . . . 5

**Fine mixed.** From a large collection. Per oz. 40 cts., 5

**Coccinea Indica.** Glossy foliage and scarlet fruits, 10

**Cucumis odoratissimus.** Orange fruits from the size of a plum to that of an orange; very fragrant, 10

**Tricosanthes colubrina (True Serpent Gourd).** Fruit five feet long, striped like a serpent, . . . . . 10

**OXALIS.**

Exceedingly free-flowering little plants with lively foliage, and entirely covered with bright flowers from June to September. Very useful for edgings.

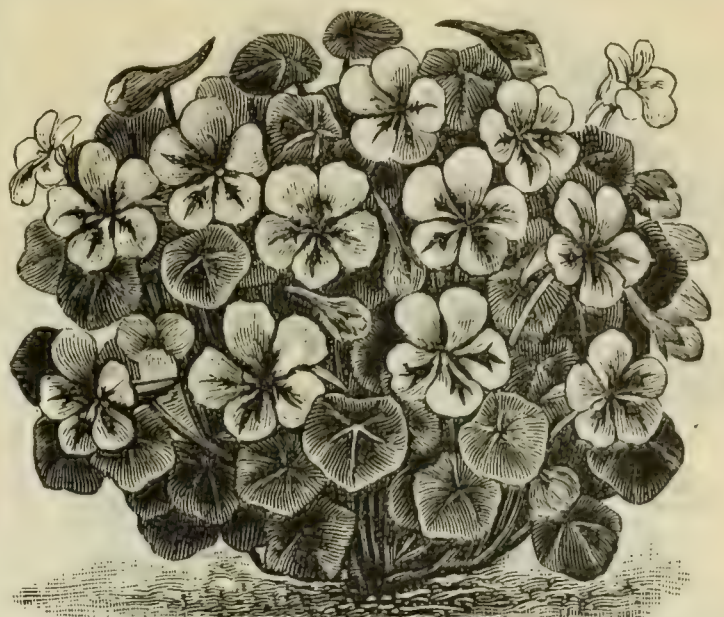


**Rosea.** Deep-rose flowers and graceful, clover-like foliage; six to seven inches, . . . 5

**Tropaeoloides.** Neat, beautiful brown leaves, and small, bright-yellow flowers, only three to four inches high, . . . . . 5

**Valdiviana.** Light, clover-like foliage with numerous light lemon-yellow flowers; large growth, . . . 5

**Choice mixed.** Including above and others, 5



TOM THUMB NASTURTIIUM - LADY BIRD.

**TOM THUMB NASTURTIIUMS.**

The improved Dwarf or Tom Thumb Nasturtiums are unrivaled in beauty and effect. When planted in poor soil, they flower most profusely and remain long in bloom. We recommend a liberal use of the seed in variety, and offer in the carefully selected list below a range of colors sure to satisfy our patrons.

PER PKT.

**Tom Thumb Beauty.** Yellow and scarlet, . . . . . 5

**Ceruleum roseum.** Beautiful peach color, . . . . . 5

**Crystal Palace Gem.** Sulphur-spotted maroon, . . . 5

**Pearl.** Straw color, fine for contrast. Per oz. 20 cts., 5

**Empress of India.** The leaves are of a dark purplish-blue color, making a suitable background for the brilliant crimson-scarlet flowers. Per oz. 25 cts., 5

**King of Tom Thumbs.** Intense scarlet flowers, with rich, dark foliage. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . . . 5

**Lady Bird.** The ground color of the flowers is rich golden-yellow, each petal barred with a broad vein of bright ruby-crimson. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . . . 10

**Rose.** A delicate shade, very attractive, . . . . . 5

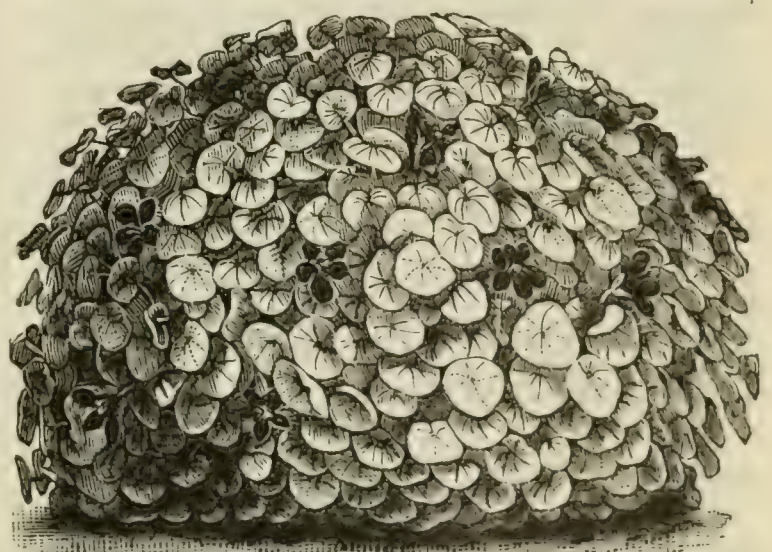
**Spotted King.** Rich orange, spotted with maroon, . . 5

**Golden King.** Golden-yellow; very fine, . . . . . 5

**Ruby King.** Ruby-rose, dark foliage, . . . . . 5

**King Theodore.** Very dark, deep crimson, . . . . . 5

**Tom Thumb Varieties, mixed.** Including all the above and other choice colors. Plant freely. Per oz. 15 cts.; 1/4 lb 40 cts.; per lb \$1.25, . . . . . 5



NEW TOM THUMB NASTURTIIUM - CLOTH OF GOLD.

**Cloth of Gold.** In striking contrast to all the above, the foliage of this new variety is a clear, bright yellow. The plant is of dwarf, compact habit, very beautiful, even before coming into bloom, while the deep-scarlet flowers, intermingled among the yellow leaves, add to its beauty. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . . . 10

**TALL NASTURTIIUMS.**

The Tropaeolum majus, or Tall Nasturtiums, are among the easiest grown and prettiest climbers, quickly running six to twelve feet, thriving on poor soil. Free bloomers, and the green seed-pods make excellent pickles.

**Majus, finest mixed Tall Nasturtium.** Many bright colors; plant it by the ounce—scatter the seed along fences, etc. Per oz. 15 cts., . . . . . 5





IMPROVED GIANT TRIMARDEAU PANSY.

PANSIES.

Pansies are the most popular of all flowers grown from seed—our sales exceeding two hundred thousand packets of seed a year. It is needless to say anything in praise of such a universal favorite. It is everywhere popular, both for the brilliant beauty of its flowers and the long continuation of bloom. Pansy seed is a specialty, and we have not only the largest and finest collection of varieties in the world, but also the very best seed of each variety. Having repeatedly visited all the leading growers of Europe, and flowering all the varieties each year at FORDHOOK FARM, we know that our seed is the very best obtainable.

- PER PKT.
- New Pansies. See Novelties, on pages of pink paper.

Burpee's Defiance. The largest. See Novelties.

Imperial German. See Novelties, on pink paper.

Cassier's Giant Odier. The flowers, of immense size, are of the popular Odier type, being all three-spotted or five-spotted on backgrounds of very rich colors. The flowers are of GOOD SUBSTANCE and FINE FORM, while the PLANTS are of NEAT, COMPACT GROWTH. Per 1/8 oz. 75 cts.; oz. \$5.50, . . . . . 15

Improved Giant Trimardeau. Remarkable for the extra large size of the flowers, which, however, are not so circular in form as the Imperial German. The flowers are carried well above the foliage, and most of the flowers are marked with three large blotches or spots. Per 1/8 oz. 60 cts.; oz. \$4.00, . . . . . 10

Odier, or Blotched. Superb, large-eyed flowers of very good shape, and beautifully blotched with rich and varied colors. Per 1/8 oz. 60 cts.; oz. \$4.00, . . . . . 10

Quadricolor, or Pheasant's Eye (Rainbow). Upper petals sky-blue, edged with violet; the lower petals are mostly purple, sometimes on a white, sometimes on a yellow ground, marbled and spotted. Per 1/4 oz. 50 cts.; oz. \$1.50, . . . . . 5

Prince Bismarck. Beautiful shades of brown and golden-bronze marbled. Per 1/4 oz. 50 cts.; oz. \$1.50, . . . . . 5

Snow Queen, or Snowflake. Flowers of a delicate pure satiny-white. Per 1/4 oz. 50 cts.; oz. \$1.50, . . . . . 5

King of the Blacks, or Faust. Flowers intensely dark, almost coal-black. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 5

Lord Beaconsfield. Large flowers, of deep purple-violet, shading off in the top petals to a white hue; highly effective. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 5

Emperor William. Flowers of a splendid ultramarine blue, with a well-defined purple-violet eye. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 5

Delicata. Light porcelain-blue, with white center, . . . . . 5

Light Blue. Lovely, nearly sky-blue. 1/4 oz. 40 cts., . . . . . 5

Deep Indigo Blue. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 5

Pelargoniflora. Flowers resembling Pelargoniums or Fancy Geraniums in markings, . . . . . 5

Rose Marbled. Very beautiful, . . . . . 5

Striped and Mottled Varieties. Very fine and exceedingly beautiful. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 5

Dark Purple. Rich, deep color. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts., . . . . . 5

Silver-Edged. Dark purple, white border, . . . . . 5

Gold-Margined. Strikingly handsome, . . . . . 5

Pure Yellow. Large golden flowers. Per 1/4 oz. 40 cts., . . . . . 5

English "Face" Pansy. Flowers light and dark-blue in color, each marked with a distinct "face," . . . . . 10

Large-Flowering, very fine mixed. Embracing all the colors of German Pansies,—superior imported grade. 1/8 oz. 25 cts.; 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; oz. \$1.25, . . . . . 10

Good Quality, mixed. As imported; many rich colors. Per 1/4 oz. 25 cts.; per oz. 85 cts., . . . . . 5

PANSIES for Bedding.  
GOOD SEED CHEAP!  
A New Feature for 1896.

In going over our trials of Pansies to-day (in June, 1895), we feel pleased, as usual, with the fine showing made and the trueness to type of the different strains, but it occurs to us that some of our customers may not be satisfied with the variety of colors in the two mixtures named at the bottom of the preceding column. The German growers naturally put in the mixture a superabundance of some sorts of which they have had a surplus crop.

Therefore we have decided to make our own mixture of Pansies for Bedding, and will upon receipt of this year's crops properly blend, from separate colors, seed of Three and Five-Spotted, Quadricolor or Pheasant's Eye, Snow Queen, King of the Blacks, Lord Beaconsfield, Emperor William, Light Blue, Deep Indigo Blue, Dark Purple, Silver-Edged, Gold-Margined, Yellow, and the Striped Varieties. These are not of the giant-flowered but of the free-flowering, circular German varieties, and will give excellent satisfaction—nearly as good as the higher-priced Imperial German. To distinguish this special mixture we call these Fordhook Bedding Pansies. Best colors mixed, per pkt. 5 cts.; 6 pkts. for 25 cts.; 1/4 oz. 40 cts.; 1/2 oz. 75 cts.; per oz. \$1.40.



ROYAL PRIZE PANSIES.  
FANCY, SHOWY, AND GIANT VARIETIES IN  
SPLENDID MIXTURE.

For many years we have made a great specialty of Pansy Seed, and have the largest collection of varieties. Our trials have been most comprehensive, while we have repeatedly visited all the leading growers in Europe. We here ask attention to our new departure. Under the name of ROYAL PRIZE PANSIES, we have grouped together all the best English, French, and German show Pansies, fancy, striped, and spotted Pansies, and also the giant-flowered Pansies of the improved Trimardeau and Cassier's Giant Odier type. This mixture is made up of the separate varieties we have carefully noted as the very best, and never before has it been possible for the purchaser to obtain in one packet so many distinct strains. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; 1/8 oz. 50 cts.; per oz. \$3.50.



PETUNIA.

Most valuable plants, succeeding well everywhere. They are particularly showy in beds or masses, and are universal favorites on account of their richness of color, fragrance, and continuous blooming.

- PER PKT.
- Hybrida, finest mixed. Embracing all colors, including striped and blotched varieties. 1/4 oz. 30 cts., 10

Hybrida, mixed. Good imported seed. Oz. 50 cts., 5

New Dwarf Inimitable. Little, bushy plants of five to eight inches in height. Per 1/8 oz. 75 cts., . . . . . 15

DOUBLE PETUNIA. Saved from a good collection but not equal to Fordhook Fancy-Fringed Double Petunia, . . . . . 20

PETUNIA,—Grandiflora.

The New Large-Flowering Petunias described under Novelties are really wonderful and have been the admiration of all visitors to our seed gardens.

- PER PKT.
- Large-Flowering, Pure White, . . . . . 10

Large-Flowering, mixed. All colors of Grandiflora, 10

New Dark-Blue, or Clematis-Flowered. The large flowers are of very intense, dark-blue color, . . . . . 15

Green Margined. Large flowers, beautiful light-rose color with handsomely veined throats broadly margined with light green, . . . . . 15





BURPEE'S FAIRY BLUSH POPPY.

## POPPIES.

PER PKT.

**BURPEE'S FAIRY BLUSH.** The immense globular flowers are perfectly double, and measure from ten to thirteen inches in circumference; the petals are elegantly fringed and pure white, except at the tips, where they are distinctly colored with rosy-cream. The foliage grows only twelve to fourteen inches in height, above which the flowers are borne on long stems, . . . . . 10

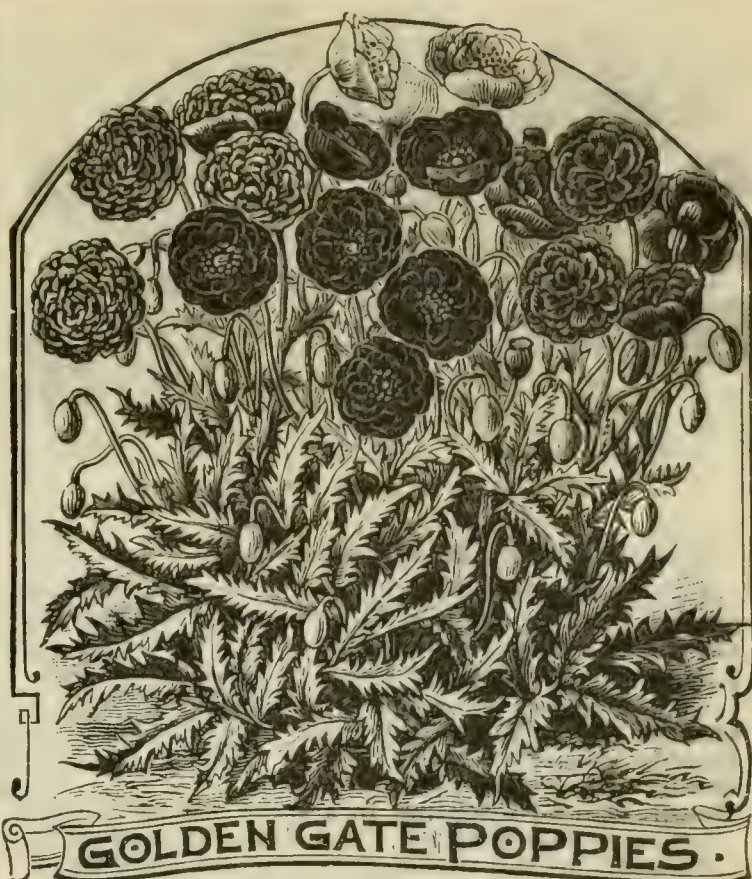
**FORDHOOK FAIRY POPPIES.** In our crop of Fairy Blush Poppy in 1889 there occurred "a break" into several distinct colors.

The seed from these plants was carefully saved, and as the flowers are so perfectly double, of such large size and magnificent form, we have decided to offer the mixed seed. These Seedlings of Fairy Blush retain the long-enduring character of the parent variety, while in colors the grand, large flowers are of pure white, glowing scarlet, light lilac, scarlet with white, and black, rose, and deep maroon, . . . . . 10

**THE MIKADO.** Of pure white and brilliant crimson-scarlet; large, double flowers of quaint, artistic beauty, with petals deeply cut and fringed, . . . . . 10

**NEW CARDINAL POPPY.** The plants grow about sixteen inches high, and are well furnished with deeply cut dark-green foliage, which shows off the enormous, double, glowing, cardinal-scarlet flowers, 10

**FORDHOOK FINEST DOUBLE POPPIES.** This new mixture, made by ourselves, contains seed of *Fairy Blush*, *Cardinal*, *The Mikado*, *Vesuvius*, *Snowdrift*, and *Nankeen Yellow*, each of which can be easily named when in flower, . . . . . 10



GOLDEN GATE POPPIES.

PER PKT.

**GOLDEN GATE POPPIES.** Recall to mind every color you have seen in Poppies, then imagine every conceivable combination of colors,—striped, blotched, edged, and bordered, on both single, semi-double, and double flowers,—and you will have but a faint idea of the wondrously varied beauty of the new **Golden Gate Poppies**. No sight at Fordhook calls forth more expressions of wonder than our large block of these Poppies,—with thousands of open flowers of which seemingly there are no two alike, . . . . . 10

**SHIRLEY POPPIES.** A new strain of marvelous beauty. The colors range through all shades of delicate rose, pink, carmine, and brilliant crimson. Many of the flowers are edged with white, . . . . . 5

**NEW TULIP POPPY.** The perfect and striking flowers are intensely vivid in color; the two outer petals form a tulip-cup, in which the inner petals are erectly set, forming a pouch-like receptacle; after a time deep black spots appear at the base of each petal. A mere description gives no adequate idea of the superb color-effect presented by a bed or clump of this grand new Poppy. The deeply glowing scarlet of the large flowers is such that one is quickly reminded of the superb *Duc Von Thol* Tulip, 10

**BURPEE'S VESUVIUS.** Looking at the grand double flowers, each appears a glowing ball of the most vivid scarlet; upon examination it will be seen, however, that each petal has a distinct stripe of pure white, . . . . . 10

**SNOWDRIFT.** A grand variety. The large, pure white flowers are perfectly round and double, . . . . . 5

**GIANT DOUBLE NANKEEN YELLOW.** A vigorous grower, the perfect *Pæony-shaped* flowers—truly giant—are borne in constant succession, for a long season, on erect, strong stalks two and a half to three feet. "NANKEEN YELLOW" stands out as a grand novelty, the nearest approach to yellow in this class of Poppies, . . . . . 10

**Somniferum (Opium Poppy).** True, gigantic white single flowers. Per oz. 10 cts.; per lb 90 cts., . . . . . 5

**The Bride.** The flowers are of extra large size and the petals nearly entire at the margin. The spotless white single flowers waving in the breeze present a magnificent appearance in beds or groups, . . . . . 10

**Fire Dragon (Papaver Lævigatum).** The graceful plants are covered with large single flowers, measuring four inches across, of the most brilliant deep scarlet, with black spots margined white, . . . . . 10

**Ranunculus-Flowered.** Small, double French, . . . . . 5

**Danebrog.** Fine single Poppy, flower scarlet, with a large white spot on the base of the petals, . . . . . 5

**Improved Double Carnation, mixed.** For dazzling richness and variety of colors, the flowers are unequalled. Simply scatter the seed in the open ground and a mass of beauty will result. Oz. 25 cts., 5

**Double Pæony-Flowered, mixed.** Splendid large, double flowers of all colors. Per oz. 20 cts., . . . . . 5





DOUBLE ROSE-FLOWERED PORTULACA.

## PORTULACA.

In brilliancy and beauty of color Portulacas are unrivaled. They delight in sunny situations, where they rapidly carpet the ground.

PER PKT.

- Finest Single, mixed.** In great variety; large flowers of most brilliant colors. Per oz. 40 cts., . . . . 5  
**Double Rose-Flowered White.** Very chaste, . . . . 15  
**Double Rose-Flowered Orange.** Bright, . . . . 15  
**Double Rose-Flowered Red.** Richest, . . . . 15  
**Double Rose-Flowered, mixed.** Unsurpassed for brilliancy and beauty. From first-class seed, over one-half of the plants will produce magnificent double flowers; these can be transplanted eight inches apart as soon as they bloom, thus making the entire bed of double flowers, . . . . . 10

## RICINUS (Castor-Oil Bean).

Picturesque foliage plants that speedily attain gigantic proportions; ornamental until destroyed by frost.

- Gibsoni coccineus.** Stalks and leaves of a bright metallic bronze color; fruit crimson, . . . . . 10  
**Cambogensis (New).** Large, palm-like leaves of a brilliant, bronzy-red maroon; stalk nearly black, . . 10  
**Sanguineus.** Red stalks; scarlet fruit; six feet, . . 5  
**Spectabilis (New).** Tall-growing, with immense, light-green leaves; very showy in contrast, . . . . 5  
**Mixed.** Many choice varieties. Per oz. 25 cts., . . . 5  
**Zanzibarensis.** A grand variety from Africa,—the most noble of all; enormous leaves. See *Novelties*, . . 10



SALPIGLOSSIS GRANDIFLORA.

## SALPIGLOSSIS (Velvet Flower).

One of the most graceful in growth, as well as most beautiful in flower, of the many easily grown garden annuals. The flowers are singularly marked and delicately penciled—in shape resembling the Petunia.

- Mixed.** All colors of the popular *Velvet Flower*, . . . 5  
**Grandiflora.** The flowers are larger in size and most vividly spotted and striped on ground colors of deep blue, rose, violet, light-yellow, reddish-bronze, etc., 10



A SINGLE PLANT OF SALVIA SPLENDENS.

## SALVIA (Flowering Sage).

Of all the Salvias the *Splendens*, described below, is the brightest and best, but the four other varieties described are also well worthy of cultivation.

PER PKT.

- Coccinea grandiflora rosea.** Very beautiful flowers of an orange-rose color; height three feet, . . . 10  
**Farinacea.** The plants form dwarf, compact bushes, clothed with peculiarly rich, bright foliage, from which rise long spikes of beautiful blue flowers, making a charming contrast, . . . . . 10  
**Horminum.** Red topped; curious, . . . . . 5  
**Patens.** Handsome bluish-green, leathery foliage, and erect, strong stems, bearing heads of broad, tubular-lipped flowers, each fully two inches long, which for superb rich blue color cannot be surpassed by any plant we know of, . . . . . 15  
**SPLENDENS (Large-Flowering Scarlet Sage).** It is not many years since amateurs considered it necessary to purchase plants of the ever-popular *Scarlet Sage*, but now it is known with what ease and success they can be grown from seed, and how abundantly seedlings bloom all summer and fall. Under our hot summer sun, "this flame-colored beauty" is the most gorgeous of all plants. For months the blaze of flaming scarlet is intensely brilliant, with great spikes of bloom completely concealing the foliage. A single plant will carry as many as two hundred spikes of flowers, each spike ten to twelve inches in length. Per  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 40 cts., . . . . 10

## SCABIOSA.

### Sweet Scabious, or Mourning Bride.

The old and well-known *Sweet Scabious* is not as generally cultivated as it deserves. The perfectly double flowers are useful for cutting; they are gracefully borne upon long, slender stems, well above the foliage.

- Tall German, mixed.** All colors; two feet, . . . 5  
**Dwarf Double, mixed.** Of compact habit, profusely bearing globe-shaped double flowers of great beauty, . . . . 5  
**Snowball.** Elegant double white flowers, very chaste and charming for bouquets, . . . . . 10  
**New Double Black.** A superb new variety. With elegant double black-purple flowers,—so deep in color as to seem nearly coal-black, 10

- New Large-Flowered Double, mixed.** A new selection, compact and upright; long, stiff stems; large, round flowers, perfectly double, borne in profusion until checked by frost. The range of color is remarkable, from white to rich pink, crimson to deep red, lilac to porcelain, some almost black, . . . 10







LARGE-FLOWERING GLOBE PYRAMIDAL STOCK.

## STOCK, TEN=WEEKS.

All the varieties are desirable as pot plants, as well as in the open garden. They are greatly prized for cut flowers on account of their fragrance and diversity of colors. To have a continuous succession of bloom, sow at intervals from the beginning of March to the end of May.

**NEW LARGEST-FLOWERING GLOBE PYRAMIDAL STOCK.** A magnificent race, with immense spikes of perfectly double flowers, the individual blooms frequently measuring from *two to two and one-half inches in diameter*. The large double flowers are produced in great profusion, the spikes being compactly pyramidal in shape, and the plants of neat habit of growth. We offer the following colors: *Crimson—Citron—Yellow—Rose—Dark Blue—Pure White—Light Blue—Black—Brown—Brown-Rose—Coppery—Brown—Apple Blossom—Golden-Chamois—Salmon—Rose—Canary—Yellow—Darkest Crimson—Lilac—Rose—Chamois—Flesh Color*. Each color separate, or **the seventeen colors mixed**. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts., or 10 pkts. for \$1.00.

**WHITE PERPETUAL (Princess Alice; or, "Cut and Come Again").** Of strong growth and fine branching habit, it grows to the height of one and a half feet, and if sown early will produce uninterrupted a great abundance of bloom from June until November. The individual flowers are uncommonly large, of a fine, rosette-like shape, and the purest possible white. The flowers appear on each little shoot, and the oftener they are cut the better they seem to like it. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**DWARF WHITE PYRAMID.** *Far superior to the Snowflake Stock*. Of very dwarf growth, the little plants are each crowned with magnificent heads of beautifully shaped, perfectly double flowers, of fine form and paper-white color. The strain is so high-bred that a remarkable percentage comes double. Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

**NEW RED VICTORIA.** Each plant forms in itself a naturally-grown bouquet, of a beautiful pyramidal shape, the branches being symmetrically arranged around the main stem, which is slightly raised in the center; brilliant double, dark blood-red. Pkt. 15 cts.

**GIANT PERFECTION.** A splendid race, growing two and a half feet high, with large spikes of perfectly double flowers of great substance and beauty. Mixed. Pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

**Dwarf German Ten-Weeks.** Fine mixed. Pkt. 5 cts.

**Large-Flowering Dwarf.** Choice mixed. 10 cts.

**Large-Flowering Dwarf—Blood Red, Pure White, and Purple-Violet.** Each color, per pkt. 10 cts.

## SENSITIVE PLANT.

The Sensitive Plant is very chaste and elegant in foliage, the leaves being delicately pinnated, while it bears attractive small pink flowers in globose heads. It affords much amusement by its *sensitive* character—even when slightly touched the leaves instantly close and droop; easily grown.

PER PKT.

**Mimosa Pudica (Sensitive Plant),** . . . . . 5

## SWEET WILLIAM.

As now improved they make matchless border plants, with heads of bloom of great size and wonderful beauty; should be in every garden; height one and a half feet.

PER PKT.

**Perfection, Single, mixed.** A splendid strain; flowers of many bright colors, large size, and varied markings, including the finest auricula-eyed varieties, of all colors, . . . 5

**Dunetti.** Beautiful, rich crimson, . . . 5

**Double, mixed.** Fine double flowers, which, however, to our fancy, are not so beautiful as the single, . . . 5



SWEET WILLIAM.



## TORENIA.

Charming plants for pot culture, vases, or hanging baskets. They succeed well also in the open ground in summer, and are very attractive in beds or masses.

**Fournieri.** Lovely, velvety-blue flowers, with three large spots of the darkest blue and a bright yellow throat; covered with bloom until frost, . . . . . 5

**NEW LARGE-FLOWERING TORENIA.** The flowers are from two to three times larger than the old *Torenia Fournieri*, with a ground-color of deeper blue, and with rich markings of violet-purple on the lower lip; the throat is larger and marked with glowing spots of bright orange-yellow, . . . . . 10

**NEW COMPACT BLUE TORENIA.** Each plant forms a compact, upright little bush, completely covered with a mass of bloom all summer, until checked by frost. The exquisite flowers are winged-cup shaped, and the color clear lavender-blue, spotted intense rich purple, with yellow throat. Its fine, regular habit and rare beauty make it equally attractive for beds, borders, pots, or baskets, . . . 10

**WHITE WINGS.** The compact, well-balanced plants are covered with dainty and distinct flowers of ivory white, delicately tinted rose at throat. The contrast with the other varieties is charming, . . . 10

## VINCA (Madagascar Periwinkle).

These handsome bushy plants are recommended for ribbon beds and borders, also for pot culture in the winter. Of compact growth, branching freely, and the dark-green, glossy foliage forms an excellent background for the bright and attractive star-like flowers.

**Rosea.** Fine rose color, . . . . . 10

**Rosea alba.** White, rosy eye, . . . . . 10

**Alba pura.** Clear, pure white, . . . . . 10

**Mixed,** the above three varieties, . . . . . 5





VERBENA HYBRIDA—PURE WHITE.

## VERBENA.

Verbenas in quantity are more easily obtained from seed than from cuttings, and the plants are more healthy and vigorous in growth, while they are also fragrant, particularly the white and light-colored varieties. Sown in spring, they flower quite early in the season, and each plant, in good, rich soil, will cover a space three to four feet in diameter, producing, if the flowers are cut as soon as they begin to fade, a mass of bloom until killed by frost.

PER PKT.

**VERBENA HYBRIDA, EXTRA FINE MIXED,** from a superb collection of named varieties.

Very large in flower and corymbs, and of the richest and most brilliant colors as now perfected, this is one of the finest strains of *Verbena hybrida* in cultivation to-day. The seed has been saved not only from a large collection of many bright and pleasing self-colors, but also from the finest varieties of the auricula-eyed type.  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts.; per oz. \$2.50, . . . 10

**Hybrida, fine mixed.** A very good strain.  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50 cts.; per oz. \$1.50, . . . 10

**Hybrida, mixed.** Fresh imported seed. Oz. \$1.00, 5

**Auricula-Flowered.** Splendid flowers, of large size and bright colors, each with large, white eye, . . . 10

**Scarlet Defiance.** True, brightest scarlet, intensely rich.  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts., . . . 10

**Pure White (Sea Foam, or Candidissima).** A fine strain of large-flowering, pure white hybrid Verbena.  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts., . . . 10

**Blue with White Eye.** Large blue flowers, each with large, white eye; very showy, . . . 10

**Lutea (Primrose).** Straw-yellow, . . . 10

**Italian Striped.** Very showy striped flowers of many bright colors.  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75 cts., . . . 10

**Golden-Leaved.** Leaves of a yellow shade, flowers scarlet; of weak growth; not recommended, . . . 20

**NEW MAMMOTH VERBENA,—FORDHOOK FAMOUS.** See Novelties on pink paper.

## WALLFLOWER.

**Fine German Double, mixed.**

Spikes of deliciously fragrant double flowers, combining many shades of color, chocolate and orange-purple predominating. Sow early in hot-bed and prick out the small plants into pots; sink the pots in the earth and in the autumn remove to the house, where they will bloom all winter, . . . 10

**Single, mixed, . . . 5**

**EXTRA EARLY PARISIAN.** The

unusual earliness of this variety is

remarkable; from seeds sown in the spring at FORDHOOK plants were in full bloom by August 4th, continuing until checked by frost. Magnificent golden-yellow single flowers on long spikes; deliciously fragrant, and continuing for a long time in bloom, . . . 10



A PLANT OF DWARF DOUBLE LILLIPUT ZINNIA.

## ZINNIAS.

No flowers are more easily grown from seed sown in the open ground, and few bloom so continuously throughout the entire summer. Those acquainted only with the old-time Zinnias will be surprised at the perfection to which the newer strains have attained, as now grown at FORDHOOK.

PER PKT.

**DOUBLE LILLIPUT.** Dwarf, compact bushes, bearing very small, perfectly double, pompon-shaped flowers of the brightest colors, which profusely cover the plants during the entire summer and until frost sets in. The flowers are charming for bouquets, and embrace a wide range of both light and dark colors evenly distributed, . . . 10

**Dwarf Snowball.** Very handsome dwarf, bushy plants. The large, Dahlia-like flowers are always perfectly double and of the purest snow white, . . . 10

**Dwarf Fireball (*Zinnia pumila coccinea plena*).** Exactly like the Snowball, except that the very double flowers are of a dazzling fiery-scarlet, . . . 10

**POMPON.** The florets are piled in a symmetrical, smooth cone. The colors range from pure white, through creams and buffs, to a clear chrome-yellow. Then, again, there is a series of tints ranging from the softest pinks to the deepest crimson, 10

**GIANT MAMMOTH.**

Of unusually robust habit of growth and immense size, the perfectly formed, very double flowers are of various striking colors. Plants three to three and a quarter feet high are clothed with luxuriant foliage and bloom during a long period, . . . 10

**Striped Zebra.** Double flowers, distinctly striped, but only a small percentage come true, . . . 10

**Choice Double, mixed.** All colors, . . . 5

**Superb Double, mixed.** Perfectly double flowers, of grand form, large size, brilliant colors, . . . 10

**Mexicana.** Small, single, yellow flowers, . . . 5

**Tenuiflora.** Of dwarf habit, a good grower, succeeding everywhere, and desirable as a border plant. Sown where they are to bloom, in rows, they make a striking effect; the plants bear upright, small, single, dark-carmine flowers in profusion, . . . 10

**Haageana fl. pl.** Of elegant habit, making a circular bush of two and a half feet in diameter and only eighteen inches high; almost entirely covered with small, perfectly double flowers of an intensely rich, orange-yellow color; fine for cutting, . . . 10



POMPON ZINNIAS.



## Special Mixtures of Flower Seeds.

Many persons derive pleasure from watching the growth of a varied bed of flowers, entirely out of the usual trim garden style, while others desire a much more extended collection than their means will permit. To both of these the following special mixtures will appeal.

- Flowers for Bouquets.** The mixture embraces seeds of annuals producing flowers suitable for cutting for vases and for bouquets, nearly all of them having long stems. Planted in a part of the garden, this will furnish a constant supply of cut flowers, . . . 10
- Low-Growing Annuals.** This mixture contains seeds of a great variety of low-growing annuals, few of which exceed four to six inches in height, and which, sown in beds or borders, present the appearance of *Turkish Rugs*, carpeting the ground in their wide range of colorings and forms, . . . 10
- Tall-Growing Annuals.** This mixture embraces seed of many handsome, tall-growing annuals, none less than one foot and up to five feet, . . . 10
- Mixture of Foliage Plants.** This mixture is made up entirely of those annuals which are grown almost exclusively for their beautiful variegated, silver, golden, or bronze foliage, . . . 10
- Mixture of Fragrant Annuals.** Carefully made up from seeds of fragrant flowers only. A bed of these will give rich perfume throughout the day and evening, while some of them are also suitable for cutting, . . . 10
- Mixture of Climbers.** This is a liberally filled packet of seed of many beautiful annual climbers, which will prove most useful for covering outhouses or growing upon trellises, . . . 10
- Mixture of Evening Bloomers.** This mixture does not contain seed of the Moonflower or any other climbers, but is composed of annuals of from six inches to two feet in height, which bloom late in the afternoon and during the evening, making a charming "Moonlight display" in white, blue, and bright colors, . . . 10
- Everlasting and Ornamental Grasses.** All the annual varieties of each, many of them being really handsome in growth and all of them desirable for house decoration during the winter months, . . . 10
- Biennials and Perennials.** The great variety contained in this mixture will make a grand display the second year and many of them will continue to bloom year after year, . . . 10

**WILD-FLOWER GARDEN MIXTURE.** These mixed flower seeds embrace more than a hundred varieties of such easy-growing and pretty flowers as are suitable for forming a wild-flower garden. They are very useful for woodland walks, roadsides, railroad embankments, and for sowing alongside of fences and on any untidy, bare spots of ground which are so frequently unsightly, and which, if properly cared for and kept free from weeds, can be made to produce a continual display of bloom during the summer. Per oz. 25 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, 10

All the above mixtures are carefully prepared from choice, fresh seeds, and cannot fail to give satisfaction. The packets are liberally filled, and in no other manner can so many seeds be obtained for such small cost. *Directions for culture are printed upon each packet.*

## Latest Fashions in PANSIES.

**For 25 Cents** we will mail one packet of each of all the following New PANSIES: *Fire King*, very distinct and beautiful; *Gloriosa Perfecta*, or *Rainbow*, of surpassing beauty; *Improved Giant Trimardeau*, large flowers; *Splendid Mixed Imperial German*, embraces seeds of over fifty colors and markings; and *Burpee's Defiance Giant Fancy*, largest-sized flowers distinctly marked with three or five large blotches on upper and lower petals. **ALL FIVE** of these grand **Novelties in PANSIES**, one packet of each, with instructions how to raise the largest Pansies, will be mailed to any address on receipt of **25 cts.**, or **five complete Collections for \$1.00.** We have sold many thousands of these Collections since first advertised.

This is a real bargain in the **choicest Pansy seed.**



The Everlasting Flowers, with their rich, brilliant colors, are very valuable for winter decoration. They should be cut as soon as they come into full bloom, tied in small bunches, and dried slowly in the shade, with the heads downward, to keep the stems straight.

- PER PKT.**
- ACROCLINIUM.** Mixed, rose and white, . . . . . 5
- AMMOBIUM.** Small, white flowers; pretty, . . . . . 5
- GOMPHRENA (Globe Amaranth, or Bachelor's Button), mixed.** Small, globe-shaped, double flowers, of perfect form and bright colors, . . . . . 5
- HELIPTERUM Sanfordi.** Small yellow flowers, . . . 5
- HELICHRYSUM.** Fine, large, double flowers, of most brilliant colors. Often called "*The Eternal Flower*."
- Fireball.** Flowers of the richest crimson, . . . . . 10
- Snowball.** Large, double, pure white, . . . . . 10
- Golden Ball.** Rich golden-yellow, . . . . . 10
- Monstrosum.** Brightest colors, mixed, . . . . . 5
- Dwarf, mixed,** . . . . . 5
- RHODANTHE, Mixed,** . . . . . 5
- WAITZIA Grandiflora.** Golden-yellow, . . . . . 10
- XERANTHEMUM, Mixed.** Double flowers, . . . . . 5



HELICHRYSUM.

**MIXED EVERLASTINGS.** A single packet will give in abundance a great variety of the most attractive Everlasting Flowers. No more welcome present can be given a visitor than a bouquet of these imperishable flowers. Per large packet 10 cts., or 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

If our customers could see the wonderful variety and graceful forms of *The Ornamental Grasses* they would be induced to use them much more largely, particularly when it is considered how indispensable they are in the arrangement of graceful bouquets.

- PER PKT.**
- Agrostis nebulosa.** Fine and feathery; elegant, . . . 5
- Avena sterilis (Animated Oat).**  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet, . . . . . 5
- Briza gracilis.** Small, graceful racemes, . . . . . 5
- Briza maxima (Quaking Grass).** Large racemes of beautiful rattles; very ornamental, . . . . . 5
- Bromus Brizæformis.** Drooping panicles, beautiful, . . . . . 5
- Chrysurus cynosuroides.** Dwarf, with yellowish, feathery spikes, . . . . . 5
- Coix lachryma (Job's Tears),** . . . . . 5
- Erianthus Ravenae.** As fine as Pampas Grass, . . . . . 5
- Eulalia Japonica zebrina (Zebra Grass).** Five to six feet high, with striped leaves, . . . 15



BRIZA MAXIMA.

**Gynierium argenteum (Pampas Grass).** Flowers the second season, . . . . . 10

**Hordeum jubatum (Squirrel-Tail Grass).** Fine, . . . 5

**Lagurus ovatus (Hare's-Tail Grass),** . . . . . 5

**Pennisetum longistylum.** Soft, fuzzy flower heads, 10

**Tricholæna rosea.** Perennial, but flowers the first season; most beautiful rose-tinted grass, . . . . . 5

**MIXED ANNUAL VARIETIES of Ornamental Grasses.** Contains seed of all the annual varieties named above. Per large packet 10 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.



# Other Standard Flower Seeds.

In the alphabetical list on this page we briefly name with prices other standard flower seeds, which, from lack of space, were omitted from the preceding descriptive list. It is needless to say that the seed of each is the best it is possible to procure.

|                                                     | PER PKT. |                                                      | PER PKT. |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ABRONIA Umbellata. Very pretty trailing plants,     | 5        | HOUSTONIA Cœrulea ("Bluets, or Quaker Lady"),        | 10       |
| ADONIS Æstivalis. Bright scarlet flowers,           | 5        | HUNNEMANNIA Fumariæfolia. Yellow,                    | 10       |
| AGAPANTHUS Umbellata (Lily of the Palace),          | 10       | IONOPSISIDIUM Acaule (Diamond Flower),               | 10       |
| AGROSTEMMA Cœli rosa (Rose of Heaven),              | 5        | IRIS Kæmpferi Japan Iris). Mixed colors,             | 10       |
| ALONSOA Grandiflora. Bright scarlet,                | 5        | LEUCANTHEMUM Grandiflorum. Daisy-like,               | 5        |
| Linifolia. Orange scarlet; height 1½ feet,          | 5        | LILY OF THE VALLEY (Convallaria),                    | 10       |
| ALYSSUM (Gold Dust). Saxatile, yellow,              | 5        | LINUM Grandiflorum rubrum (Crimson Flax),            | 5        |
| AMARANTHUS Caudatus (Love-lies-bleeding),           | 5        | LUPINUS Subcarnosus (The Blue Texan Lupin),          | 5        |
| Princess of Wales. Foliage beautifully blended,     | 5        | Mixed. All annual varieties,                         | 5        |
| Splendens (Rainbow Plant). Brilliant,               | 10       | LYCHNIS (Burning Star). Grand, hardy perennials.     |          |
| Salicifolius (Fountain Plant). Willow-like foliage, | 5        | Chalcedonica. Intensely bright scarlet,              | 5        |
| Tricolor (Joseph's Coat). Yellow, red, and green,   | 5        | Haageana hybrida. White, rose, vermilion, etc.,      | 5        |
| ANCHUSA Capensis. Small, deep-blue flowers,         | 5        | Haageana nana hybrida. Chocolate foliage,            | 10       |
| AQUILEGIA (Columbine), Choice Double, mixed,        | 5        | MALOPE Grandiflora, mixed. Crimson, rose, and        |          |
| Skinneri. Vivid scarlet, tipped with yellow,        | 10       | white,                                               | 5        |
| ARABIS Alpina. One of the earliest of all spring    |          | MATHIOLA Bicornis (Sweet-scented Stock),             | 5        |
| flowers; spreading tufts with pure white flowers,   | 10       | MAURANDYA Barclayana. Violet-blue; ten feet,         | 10       |
| ARISTOLOCHIA Siphon (Dutchman's Pipe),              | 10       | Finest mixed. Blue, white, and mauve,                | 5        |
| ARTEMISIA. Variety from St. Petersburg,             | 5        | MEDICAGO, Mixed. Plants grown for their curi-        |          |
| ASPERULA Azurea setosa. Clusters of blue,           | 5        | ously shaped seed pods—of most peculiar shapes.      |          |
| Odorata (Woodruff),                                 | 10       | Mixed. Twenty different species,                     | 5        |
| BARTONIA Aurea. Yellow and intensely brilliant,     | 5        | MINA Lobata. A very rapid-growing climber,           | 15       |
| BEGONIA Schmidtii. Fine for bedding,                | 10       | MOLUCCA BALM, or Shell Flower,                       | 10       |
| BEET, Ornamental. Scarlet-Ribbed Chilian,           | 5        | MOMORDICA Balsamina (Balsam Apple),                  | 5        |
| Yellow-Ribbed Chilian. Per oz. 15 cts.,             | 5        | Charantia (Balsam Pear). Very beautiful,             | 5        |
| Dracæna Leaf. Dark-red, lustrous leaves,            | 5        | NEMOPHILA (Love Grove), mixed. Bright colors,        | 5        |
| BIDENS Atrosanguinea (Dahlia Zimapani),             | 10       | NIGELLA Damascena, Double, mixed,                    | 5        |
| BRACHYCOME Iberidifolia (Swan River Daisy),         | 5        | Dwarf Double. Of compact, neat habit of growth,      | 5        |
| BROWALLIA. Bright blue and pure white mixed,        | 5        | Hispanica. Large-flowered, fine, all colors,         | 5        |
| CACALIA (Tassel-Flower), or Flora's Paint Brush,    | 5        | NOLANA, Mixed. Very pretty trailing plants,          | 5        |
| CAMPANULA (Canterbury Bells). Single,               | 5        | CENOTHERA (Evening Primrose). Acaulis alba,          | 5        |
| Double Varieties, mixed,                            | 5        | Drummondii. Very large, bright-yellow flowers,       | 5        |
| CANNA Gigantea. Scarlet; grows eight feet high,     | 5        | Rosea. A beautiful Evening Primrose from Mexico,     | 5        |
| Warscewiczii. Red flowers, striped foliage; 3 feet, | 5        | PÆONY. Double flowers of rose, crimson, and white,   | 15       |
| Splendid mixture. Many varieties. Oz. 25 cts.,      | 5        | PAPAVER (Perennial Poppies), choicest mixed,         | 5        |
| CENTAUREA Gymnocarpa. White foliage,                | 10       | Orientalis. The darkest red, magnificent,            | 10       |
| Candidissima. White leaved; beautiful,              | 15       | PASSIFLORA Cœrulea (Passion Flower),                 | 10       |
| CHRYSANTHEMUM Indicum. Finest double,               | 15       | PENSTEMON, Mixed. All varieties,                     | 5        |
| CHRYSANTHEMUM Frutescens (Paris Daisy),             | 15       | PETUNIA, Red Star. Very pretty dwarf,                | 10       |
| CINERARIA Maritima (Dusty Miller),                  | 5        | PERILLA, Nankinensis. Valuable for bedding,          | 5        |
| CLARKIA (Mrs. Langtry). White with carmine,         | 5        | New Dwarf Compact. Plants 18 inches high,            | 5        |
| Mixed. Double and single varieties,                 | 5        | PHLOX, Perennial, choicest mixed,                    | 10       |
| Coleus, Fine mixed. Leaves of all colors,           | 10       | PLATYCODON Grandiflorum pumilum,                     | 10       |
| COMMELINA Cœlestis (Blue Day Flower),               | 5        | PRIMULA Auricula. Fine mixed,                        | 15       |
| CREPIS Rubra (Hawkweed). Rosy, double flowers,      | 5        | Elatior polyanthus. Choice mixed,                    | 10       |
| CRUEL PLANT (Physianthus albens),                   | 10       | Vulgaris. The common wild English Primrose,          | 10       |
| CUPHEA Miniata. A pretty annual; curiously          |          | PYRETHRUM Parthenium, flore-pleno,                   | 10       |
| shaped vermilion-scarlet flowers,                   | 10       | Parthenifolium aureum. Golden Feather,               | 10       |
| CUPHEA Platycentra (Cigar or Fire-Cracker Plant),   | 15       | Roseum (Insect Powder Plant). Oz. 50 cts.,           | 10       |
| DELPHINIUM (Perennial Larkspur).                    |          | ROCKET, Sweet, mixed. White and purple,              | 5        |
| Formosum (true). Brilliant blue, with eye,          | 5        | SANVITALIA Procumbens, fl. pl.,                      | 5        |
| Choice mixed. Best varieties,                       | 5        | SCHIZANTHUS (Butterfly Flower), Mixed, all colors,   | 5        |
| DIANTHUS (Perennial Pinks). Plumarius               |          | SEDUM Cœruleum (Stone-crop). Blue,                   | 5        |
| (Pheasant-Eye Pink). The original Clove Pink,       | 10       | SOLANUM Capsicastrum (Jerusalem Cherry),             | 10       |
| Scoticus, fl. pl. (Paisley or Florists' Pink),      | 10       | SMILAX (Myrsiphyllum Asparagoides). Oz. \$1.00,      | 10       |
| DIDISCUS (Hugelia) Cœruleus,                        | 5        | STEVIA Serrata. Most excellent for bouquets,         | 10       |
| DIGITALIS (Foxglove), Fine mixed. Long ra-          |          | STOCKS. Emperor, or Perpetual. Fine mixed,           | 10       |
| cemes of beautifully spotted flowers,               | 5        | Brompton, or Winter. Fine mixed,                     | 10       |
| ECHIUM Plantagineum. Dark-blue flowers,             | 5        | SWEET SULTAN (Centaurea Suaveolens). Yellow,         | 5        |
| FERNS, Mixed. Spores of many varieties,             | 25       | TAGETES Lucida. Fern-like, fragrant foliage,         | 5        |
| GAMOLEPIS Tagetes. Yellow, daisy-like flowers,      | 5        | Patula nana ("Cloth of Gold"). Attractive,           | 10       |
| GAURA Lindheimeri. Spikes of rosy-white,            | 5        | THUNBERGIA ("Black-eyed Susan"). Mixed,              | 5        |
| GILIA, Mixed. All varieties; good for cutting,      | 5        | TRIFOLIUM Suaveolens (Sweet-scented Clover),         | 5        |
| GLAUCIUM Corniculatum. Leaves silvery white,        | 5        | TRITOMA Uvaria grandiflora (Red-Hot Poker),          | 10       |
| GLADIOLUS. French Hybrids, mixed,                   | 10       | VERBENA Venosa. Small trusses of light violet,       | 5        |
| Extra fine, mixed. From the choicest flowers,       | 15       | Odorata (Teucrioides). Fragrant white flowers,       | 5        |
| New Lemoinei Hardy Hybrids,                         | 15       | VIOLA (Violet) Odorata. Lovely violet-blue,          | 10       |
| GODETIA. Lady Albemarle. Rosy-carmine,              | 5        | The Czar. The largest-flowering and richest col-     |          |
| Lady Satin Rose. Brilliant rose-pink,               | 5        | ored,                                                | 10       |
| Bijou. Snowy white, with carmine-rose spots,        | 5        | The White Czar. Flowers snowy white,                 | 10       |
| Fine mixed. Many varieties. Per oz. 25 cts.,        | 5        | VIOLAS (Tufted Pansies). Admiration. Violet,         |          |
| GYPHOPHILA Elegans. White and rose,                 | 5        | yellow eye,                                          | 10       |
| Paniculata (Baby's Breath),                         | 5        | Cornuta alba. Pure white,                            | 10       |
| HEUCHERA Sanguinea. Lovely perennial,               | 15       | Lutea splendens. Deep, golden yellow,                | 10       |
| HOLLYHOCKS. Double, fine mixed,                     | 5        | Perfection. Fine, light blue,                        | 10       |
| Chater's Superb Double, mixed,                      | 10       | Purple Queen. Rich, deep purple,                     | 10       |
| HONESTY (Lunaria). Curious, silvery seed pouches,   | 10       | Finest mixed, all the above colors. 1/8 oz. 50 cts., | 10       |

**\$1.25 worth of Seed for \$1.00.**

Please bear in mind that for each one dollar sent us the purchaser is allowed to select Seed in packets to the value of \$1.25. This is in addition to The New DOLLAR Premiums offered on page 6, and THE BOOKS offered on pages 7 to 11, while our little booklet, RARE FLOWERS FROM SEED, is given FREE to every purchaser who asks for it, as stated on page 141.



# ROSES and Other Beautiful FLOWERS.

The Best NOVELTIES, by Mail,  
Direct from the PENROSE NURSERIES.

Last season we devoted this introduction to showing PROGRESS IN PLANTS, which has made such rapid strides of recent years. In many cases what were considered good varieties even five years ago are already discarded by amateurs who keep abreast of the times, because there are now much better sorts. Last season we also dwelt upon the PROGRESS IN PROPAGATION, which has been almost equally marked. We can send strong, healthy plants safely by mail to all parts of the United States, so that *we always guarantee safe arrival in fine condition* for growing in their new homes. We now have pleasure in making

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1896.

We have secured the good-will and mail business of MESSRS. ROBERT SCOTT & SON, PENROSE NURSERIES, Philadelphia, who have been **established forty-six years**. In this long period of successful plant-growing they have built up such a favorable reputation that "**SCOTT'S ROSES and Other Beautiful Flowers**" are famous throughout America as "**STRONG AND RELIABLE**,"—THE STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE in well-grown plants, and always true to name. Our own customers need no further evidence of the fine quality of the **Famous SCOTT ROSES** than the information that nearly all the Roses sold by us for the past two seasons have been grown at the PENROSE NURSERIES.

MESSRS. ROBERT SCOTT & SON have retired from the mail business in order to devote their entire attention to the growing of plants at their extensive nurseries, as pictured on the next page. In announcing this radical change to their retail customers (to each of whom we send the FARM ANNUAL FOR 1896) they say:—


"We will welcome with equal pleasure the usual orders from our customers, and promise the same liberal treatment as in the past. W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., to whom all mail orders should now be addressed, need no introduction, as 'BURPEE'S SEEDS' are a household word. Suffice it to say that THE FLOWER SEEDS which we have for years handled in connection with our plants, and which have given such uniform satisfaction, have *all been obtained from* W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., at whose FORDHOOK FARM we have each season made selections of suitable varieties. As heretofore we will be pleased to have our customers call when visiting Philadelphia, as we take pleasure in showing flower lovers through the greenhouses at PENROSE and THE MODEL FARM."

Our old customers may wonder that with such greatly enlarged facilities we should not radically increase our list of plants. There is a good reason for not doing this. Geraniums and other soft-wooded plants, which are wanted of large size to produce immediate effect in bedding, *can be purchased at best advantage from your local florist*. Therefore, while giving a complete list of **All the BEST ROSES** (and, in our opinion, **SCOTT ROSES are the Best**), we offer besides only such **New and Beautiful Flowers**, *as can be sent safely by mail* and are not likely to be found at home, where the local florist has not the opportunity, nor can he afford the expense, *to flower all novelties, discard the undesirable, and propagate "only the Best."*

With the hearty interest and active co-operation of MESSRS. ROBERT SCOTT & SON, we have confidence that the PLANT DEPARTMENT will be conducted upon the same principles which have resulted in building up **the largest mail SEED business in the world**. It is our purpose to avoid all merely *sensational Novelties* in Plants as well as in Seeds.

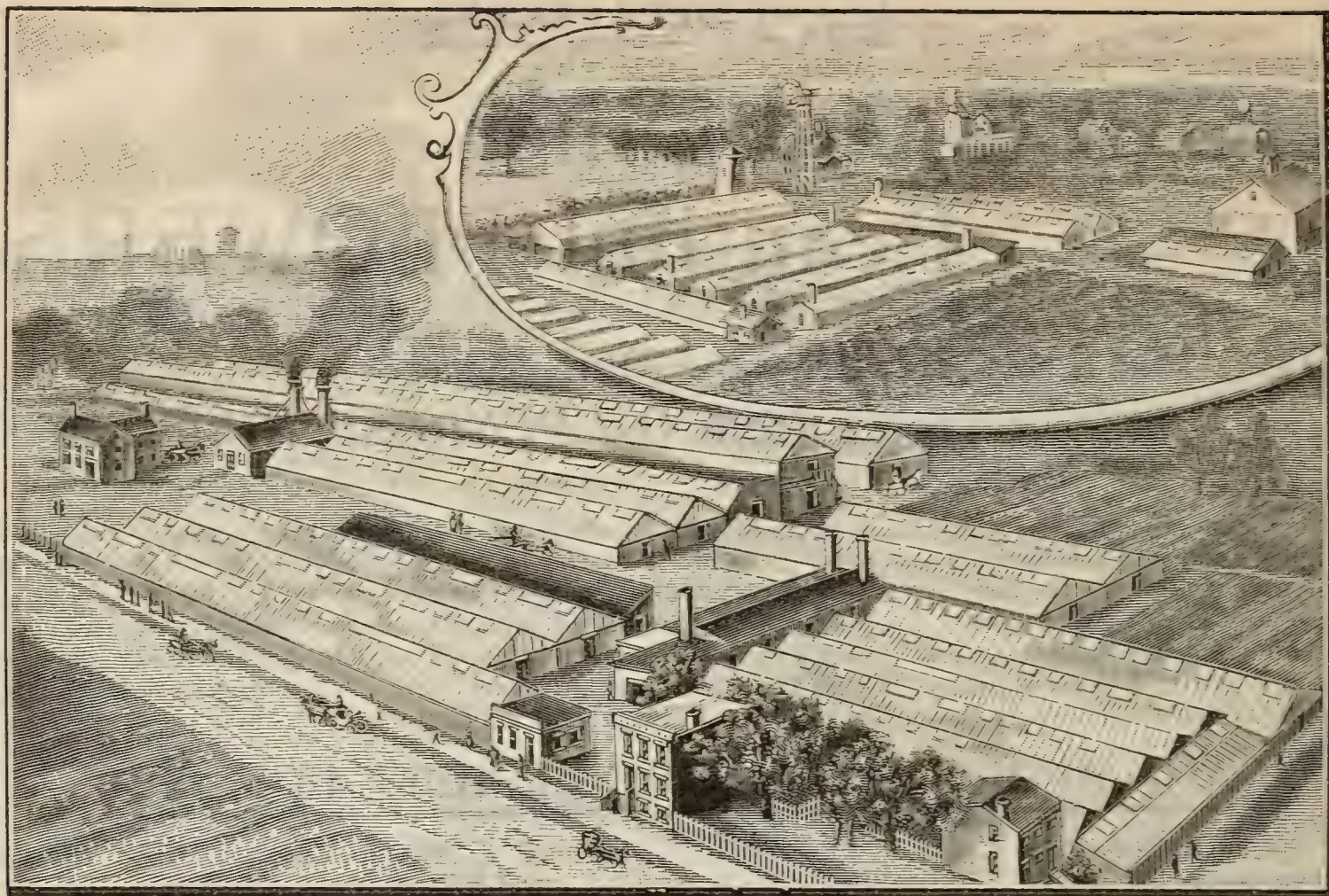
**Our prices for 1896** are fixed as low as it is possible to properly mail first-class plants, handled only by skilled packers, so that they can be *guaranteed true to the labels they bear*. We offer several **New Collections for 1896** (both in this Catalogue and upon the pink circular enclosed), which give really *extraordinary value for the money*. By means of these special offers we hope to make many new friends for the "**SCOTT ROSES AND OTHER BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS**."

## PLANTS Mailed SAFELY at any Time in Winter or Spring.

It often occurs that our customers order both seeds and plants at the same time, early in the winter. The seeds are always sent immediately upon receipt of order, but, *if requested*, we will book the order for plants to be sent later in the season, *at any time* the purchaser may name up to June 1.  Please be explicit in stating if you desire us to hold order for plants until later, and be careful to state on the order *just what date you want us to mail the plants*,—as otherwise we will of course consider that you are ready for them immediately, and they will be forwarded *a day after the seeds*, in a separate package direct from the greenhouses at the PENROSE NURSERIES.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., PHILADELPHIA, PA.





A PARTIAL VIEW OF THE PENROSE NURSERIES, PHILADELPHIA.

**F**ORTY-SIX YEARS AGO the present business of growing ROSES AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS was founded by ROBERT SCOTT in Philadelphia, at Nineteenth and Catharine Streets, where the offices and home greenhouses are still situated. A number of years ago, however, the business had already increased to such proportions that more "glass" was required. A tract of land was secured at the corner of Penrose Avenue and Wolf Street, upon which greenhouse has been added to greenhouse, until to-day it is possible to convey but a faint idea of the extent of the PENROSE NURSERIES by an illustration. As announced on the preceding page, **we now exclusively handle SCOTT'S ROSES and other Beautiful Flowers**, some of which are grown at THE MODEL FARM, and all of which are mailed from PENROSE;—this might rightly be called The Philadelphia "HOME OF FLOWERS."

## Three Grand New Roses for 1896.

It rarely happens that we can offer for the first time such a **noteworthy trio of ROSES** as those described below. Three favorite classes are represented,—Hybrid Perpetuals, Hybrid Teas, and Pure Teas. Each variety shows the highest type of a distinct race, and all three are ever-blooming.

**BELLE SIEBRECHT.** A superb and widely advertised new Hybrid Tea that has won the gold medal and numerous first-class certificates. The plant is very free in growth and bloom, and has proved entirely hardy. The flowers and buds are of fine size and form, very double, sweet, and lasting; color a rare, rich shade of true, solid pink. 35 cts. each.

**MRS. PIERPONT MORGAN.** By the best judges this new Tea has been pronounced one of the finest Roses ever introduced in America. It is a sport from Madame Cusin, but is much more robust and free blooming, with flowers and foliage much larger than that variety. The long-stemmed buds and flowers are elegantly shaped, fragrant, and of fine substance; color intense bright cerise or rose-pink. A splendid sort for winter flowering. 35 cts. each.

**HELEN KELLER.** This grand new Hybrid Perpetual has won nine first-class certificates and first honors at all leading shows. It is an ideal hardy garden Rose, showing its prominent traits of exceptional vigor and profuse, perpetual bloom even in small plants. The large, fragrant flowers and buds are clear, brilliant rose pink and of fine shape and substance. We practically control the stock of Helen Keller for this year in this country, our own stock being equalled in size and quality only by that of the introducers, Messrs. Alexander Dickson & Sons, of Ireland. English price \$2.62, our price 75 cts. each.

**For \$1.25** we will send, *postpaid*, one strong, well-rooted plant each of Belle Siebrecht, Mrs. Pierpont Morgan, and Helen Keller,—the Three Grand Roses of the Year.

**HINTS ON GROWING ROSES AND OTHER BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS.** With every order we send, **FREE, Printed Instructions**, giving practical information as to the treatment of plants upon arrival; how to care for them, soil, culture, etc. We always cheerfully give any information by mail, but as our correspondence is very large, we request that purchasers will first read the *printed instructions as to care and culture*, which are mailed with each box of plants.

**MILLIONS OF GOOD ROSES** are grown each year by hundreds of florists all over America, but some are better than others. To grow the best Roses as they should be grown requires years of experience. We have never found any Roses to be *better than the celebrated SCOTT ROSES*. We aim to supply **Only the Best**, and hence we now handle exclusively the **Scott Roses** and have all our orders carefully filled direct from the PENROSE NURSERIES.

We are fully aware that you can buy *Roses for less money*, but in Plants as in Seeds **the BEST are the Cheapest.**



# NEW AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN

# Roses for 1896.

The ten NEW EVER-BLOOMING ROSES offered below comprise the best American and French introductions of the year. Each one is distinct and fine, so far as our tests enable us to judge. They have been specially grown in large numbers to place them within reach of all.

**PINK SOUPERT.** A seedling of *Clotilde Soupert*, with deeper pink flowers,—the second in a new race of Roses. Its habit is identical with its parent in all fine points, but it is claimed to be even hardier. 25 cts.

**PRESIDENT CARNOT.** One of the very finest. The growth is stocky, with erect shoots, bearing fine buds. The flowers are large, full, and fragrant; color flesh-white, shading into warm pink. 25 cts. each.

**CLIMBING MALMAISON.** A sport of *Souvenir de Malmaison*, having similar rich, glossy foliage and superb flesh-colored flowers. A strong, ever-blooming climber, said to be hardy south of Washington. 20 cts.

**COMTE DE CHANDON.** A new free-blooming Tea Rose, with beautiful light-green foliage. Beautiful buds and flowers of medium size, semi-double, and fragrant; light golden-yellow, deepening toward the center. 25 cts. each.

**MADAME ABEL CHANTENAY.** A free-flowering, perpetual-blooming Hybrid Tea, with beautiful buds and semi-double flowers; color rich bronzy-rose, shaded salmon. Of strong growth and a good bedder. 25 cts.

**MADAME JULES FINGER.** This beautiful Hybrid Tea Rose has large, globular buds and very double flowers that can be cut with long stems; rich creamy-white, shaded delicate salmon-rose. 25 cts. each.

**MADAME EUGENE RESAL.** This is a true "Daily" (Bengal Rose), of the fine *Hermosa* type, and continual profusion of bloom. The flowers are semi-double, graceful, and brilliant; carmine-rose, with shadings of coppery-red and light yellow. 25 cts. each.

**MADAME WAGRAN.** Free blooming and vigorous, with distinct, dark, rustic foliage. Large and very double; color light pink, with deep, bright center; yellow shadings at base of petals. 25 cts. each.

**SOUVENIR DE MADAME VERDIER.** This new French Tea has beautiful buds, tinted in the center with a warm buff-yellow that changes to pure white in the open flower; very double and sweet. 25 cts.

**SOUVENIR DE LAURANT GUILLOT.** This is a really unique Rose of the *Madame de Watteville* type, but with wider-bordered petals of a deep carmine-rose, showing less lemon-white at their base. 25 cts.

## SPECIAL OFFER.

We will send the entire collection of The Ten Best New Roses for 1895, as described above, for only \$2.00, or any Five for \$1.00, postpaid.

## Best Six Tested New Roses for 75 Cts.

This is an unequaled collection, and sure to please all lovers of the most beautiful New Roses. As usual, careful comparative trials were made at the PENROSE NURSERIES last season of all the novelties from Europe. Each variety was carefully noted as to growth and flower.

We have "winnowed the chaff from the wheat," and consider these the Best Six New Roses that are thoroughly tested.

**HIPPOLYTE BARREAU.** This new crimson Rose is of vigorous, healthy growth, so free and constant in bloom that a good bush never fails to yield a handful of large, long-stemmed, beautiful buds and flowers. They are strikingly elegant in shape, very full and fragrant, with petals slightly cupped and gracefully recurved; color rich, glowing crimson, shaded with vermillion. One of the very finest Hybrid Teas. Of our own knowledge we most heartily recommend this as one of the best crimson Roses in cultivation to-day. 35 cts. each.

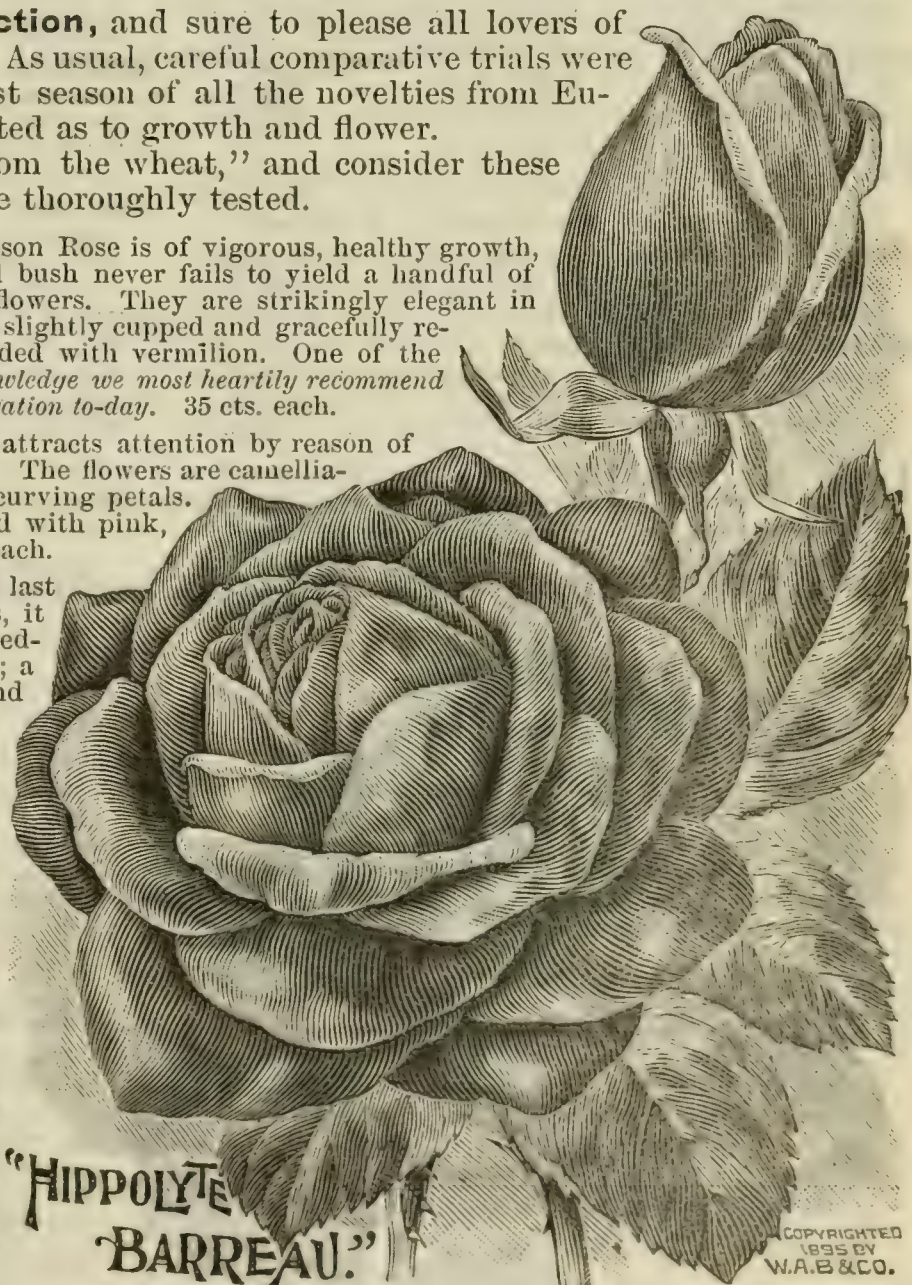
**BARONESS BERGE.** This Rose at once attracts attention by reason of its exceedingly pretty form and odd color. The flowers are camellia-like and of dainty shape, with regularly recurving petals. The color is light yellow; petals bordered with pink, and center of a warm china-rose. 20 cts. each.

**CORINNE.** One of the grandest novelties of last year. Dwarf, free blooming, and vigorous, it has proved one of our best Roses for bedding. Flowers and buds are of good size; a lovely flesh color, suffused with rose and tawny-copper. 25 cts. each.

**MADAME EDWARD HELFENBIEN.** This vigorous, free-blooming new Tea is a splendid novelty. The buds and flowers are globular and double, with petals of thick texture; color chamois-apricot-yellow, shaded with carmine-rose and beautifully veined. 25 cts. each.

**ALBERTINE BORGUET.** The strikingly new and unusual coloring of this rose is sure to make it a favorite wherever known. The flowers and buds are finely formed and of good substance; color a lovely yellow-mauve, with light Nile-green shading at the center. Of vigorous growth, it is a profuse bloomer. 25 cts. each.

**LEO XIII.** Long, pointed buds, which somewhat resemble those of *Niphetos*. White, with pale-yellow shadings, and center of light rose; full and fragrant. Vigorous and constantly in bloom. 20 cts. each.



## \$1.50 for 75 Cts.

Please note that at the usual prices for choice New Roses these six would cost \$1.50, but we will sell all for 75 cts.—good, strong plants, each labeled, carefully packed, and warranted to arrive in good condition at any post office (postage prepaid) in the United States, Canada, or Mexico. None of the "Cheap Rose Offers" so largely advertised can compare with this unique collection of "The Best Six New Roses for 75 Cts." Please tell your friends about it, but we can make no lower price on large orders in clubs for this unequaled collection.





## Famous Free-Flowering Hardy Roses.

This is the same collection that was so popular last year, except that now we include also **FRANCISCA KRUGER**,—making in all **Nine Free-Flowering HARDY ROSES** for **\$1.00**. The best and most distinct varieties have been chosen,—all hardy sorts, which, with but slight protection, will stand the winters and grow stronger each year.

**CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.** Through wide advertising this has become well known as a "*Champion for vigor, hardiness, free bloom, fragrance, form, and color.*" Bright coral-pink, large and double. 15 cts.

**DINSMORE.** Of vigorous, dwarf, branching growth, it is fairly ablaze with bloom all summer. The large, double flowers are dazzling crimson-scarlet, with rich, spicy fragrance. 20 cts. each.

**FRANCISCA KRUGER.** Large, full flowers, coppery-yellow, shaded with peach; strikingly handsome. Hardy, vigorous, and free blooming. 20 cts. each.

**ETOILE DE LYON.** The flowers are light golden-yellow, delightfully sweet, of large size and fine form. The best yellow Rose for open-air culture. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME SCHWALLER.** A grand Hybrid Tea, noted for its strong, free-blooming habit and the true June-Rose fragrance of its flowers. Borne in clusters; color bright rosy-flesh, beautifully shaded. 15 cts. each.

**MALMAISON.** One of the choicest and best Roses in cultivation for the garden. The flowers are very large, of full, broad, regal form and exquisite fragrance; color rich creamy-flesh, shaded fawn and rose. 15 cts.

**METEOR.** This is a most brilliantly beautiful Rose, unsurpassed among Hybrid Teas for hardiness and freedom of bloom. The long-stemmed flowers are of medium size, double, and fragrant; color intense, glowing velvety-crimson. 15 cts. each.

**THE GEM.** This is a grand, vigorous Tea. The superb creamy-white buds and flowers are richly shaded with soft yellow, while their fragrance is delightful; they are very double, of good size and substance. 15 cts.

**WHITE LA FRANCE.** A peerless seedling of *La France*, noted for rich fragrance and fine habit. Both buds and flowers are large, double, and of perfect form; color pearl-white, while the center is exquisitely shaded with flesh-pink. *The standard of beauty.* 20 cts. each.

**For \$1.00** we will send, postpaid, safe arrival and satisfaction guaranteed, one strong plant each of the Famous Free-Flowering Hardy Roses described above,—nine in all, for only **\$1.00**.

## New Variegated Hybrid,—ROGER LAMBELIN.



Freaks in Roses are not uncommon, but few have become permanently fixed that are of such striking character as the **New Rose, Roger Lambelin**. The illustration gives some idea of its oddity and beauty. Under the introducer's description we recommend it to all who wish novelties *that are distinctly novel*: "The color is glowing crimson throughout, except the edges of the petals, which are irregular, like those of a double petunia. These are distinctly marked with a white margin against the crimson, forming a sharp and unique contrast. The fragrance is delightful. The growth is vigorous, with foliage unusually large and handsome." 35 cts. each; 4 for \$1.00.

### MRS. J. SHARMAN CRAWFORD.

Received the gold medal of the National Rose Society of England. Vigorous in growth, of free-branching habit, and most distinct foliage; the flowers are very large, of perfect imbricated form, and—remarkable for a Hybrid—are produced continuously from summer until late in the autumn. Color deep rose, satiny pink; the outer petals are white at the base, uniquely shaded with pale pink. Good, strong plants 35 cts. each, or 4 for \$1.00.

See Mrs. J. Sharman Crawford and Seven other Superb Roses, amounting at regular retail prices to \$1.75, are now offered for 60 cts. See advertisement of this unequalled offer on pink circular enclosed with this Catalogue.

**THIS ENTIRE PAGE OF ROSES,**—in all **Eleven Elegant Roses**, as described above, one good, strong plant of each, will all be **mailed, postpaid, for \$1.30**.





## The Wonderful New Rose,— CRIMSON RAMBLER.

The demand predicted last year for CRIMSON RAMBLER was greatly exceeded. Our stock, although the largest in the country, was exhausted by May 1st. For 1896 we have grown double as many plants, and hope to fill all orders with strong plants of last summer's propagation.

Another year's trial adds greatly to our valuation of this splendid Rose, and the enthusiastic praise which pours in from amateurs on all sides proves that it succeeds equally well throughout the country. In hardiness it exceeded our expectations, standing the winter unprotected so well that six-foot canes of last season's growth did not need to be pruned back an inch this spring.

The size and beauty of the flower-heads are truly wonderful. The story of its having three hundred buds to a shoot seemed almost incredible, but last spring we counted on one shoot four hundred and thirty buds and flowers!

The rapidity with which the plants grow is also a source of constant wonder. Shoots from eight to ten feet high spring up in one season, while the foliage is so thick and luxuriant that a bower of shade is soon formed. This distinct, handsome foliage remains bright long after other Roses have dropped their leaves. The glorious trusses of glowing crimson flowers appear in June, and remain perfect and undimmed in color for several weeks.

We recommend CRIMSON RAMBLER for five different purposes: As a superb climber for veranda or trellis; for pruning back to handsome specimen clumps; for pegging down in beds; for training over stumps, rocks, and unsightly objects, and for quick-growing screens, hedges, etc.

CRIMSON RAMBLERS.—Our price for this year is 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.; 9 for \$1.00, good, strong plants, sent, postpaid, to any address.

**CLIMBING LA FRANCE.** The two grand new hardy climbers, *Crimson Rambler* and *CLIMBING LA FRANCE*, may be regarded as milestones along the march of horticultural PROGRESS, which we demonstrated so forcibly last year. Hitherto the hardy Climbing Roses have had but slight fragrance, and even less of the form and substance requisite in a really high-class Rose. *CLIMBING LA FRANCE* equals its famous parent, *La France*, in these qualities, being identical with it in silvery peach-pink color, fragrance, and in all points save its propensity for climbing. The plant is entirely hardy, and so vigorous that it frequently makes a growth of from ten to fifteen feet in a season. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

## FOUR CHOICE EVER-BLOOMING CLIMBING ROSES FOR 50 CTS.

Ever-blooming Roses are the most popular of all climbers, because of their high type of beauty, fragrance, and continual bloom. For this collection we have selected only the strongest and hardiest, that, with protection, will endure even our northern winters.

**CLIMBING HERMOSA.** Bright, clear pink flowers of medium size; very double and fragrant; blooms profusely. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.; 9 for \$1.00.

**JAMES SPRUNT.** Medium-sized, full, sweet flowers of rich cherry-red; brilliant and effective. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.; 9 for \$1.00.

**MADAME ALFRED CARRIERE.** Beautiful creamy-white flowers, with soft yellow shadings; of splendid size and fullness. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.

**REINE MARIE HENRIETTE** (*Red Gloire de Dijon*). The brightest of all climbers. The large, double flowers are deep, glowing red, and borne in graceful clusters. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.; 9 for \$1.00.

All Four, as above, good, strong plants, for 50 cts.

## FOUR HARDY CLIMBING ROSES.

Climbing Roses are not denied even to dwellers in severe climates. The following varieties endure the most trying zero weather, and are one grand mass of flowers in spring.

**BALTIMORE BELLE.** Pale blush, shading to rose color; very double flowers in large clusters. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.

**GREVILLE** (*Seven Sisters*). Very luxuriant in growth; flower-clusters immense, varying from white to rose-pink. 15 cts. each.

**PRAIRIE QUEEN.** Bright carmine-pink; full, globular flowers of fine size. A fine Rose for all sections. 15 cts. each.

**TENNESSEE BELLE.** Beautiful flowers of bright blush. 15 cts.

The Four Hardy Climbing Roses, described above, all mailed for 50 cts.

This Page of Ten Climbing Roses, one good, strong plant of each, mailed, neatly boxed, all for \$1.00.





# Red, White, Pink, and Striped La France.



The LA FRANCE Roses form a choice group of Hybrid Teas, widely known and everywhere celebrated for hardiness, free, constant bloom, and the beautiful form, finish, and color of their fragrant flowers.

**LA FRANCE.** This famous silvery-pink Rose is still unequaled and universally popular. 15 cts.

**DUCHESS OF ALBANY.** A sport from *La France*, differing only in the deeper, rich rose-pink of its flowers. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts., or 7 for \$1.00.

**WHITE LA FRANCE** (*Augustine Guinoisseau*). Large, elegant, pearl-white flowers softly flushed with rose; see page 168. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

**STRIPED LA FRANCE.** A capricious beauty that shows in odd, clear stripings both the lovely pink and white tints of the family. 25 cts. each.

**For 50 Cts.** we will mail one good strong plant each of The Four La France Roses.

## CHOICE MOSS ROSES.

The Moss Roses are great favorites on account of their beautiful buds and delightful fragrance; they are all very hardy.

**BLANCHE MOREAU.** Pure white, of perfect form, well mossed. 25 cts. each.

**COMTESSE DE MURINAIS.** White-shaded blush; a good grower. 25 cts. each.

**CRIMSON GLOBE.** Large, finely formed flowers of deep crimson; full and globular. 30 cts.

**ZENOBIA.** Buds well mossed, satiny rose. 30 cts.  
Any two for 45 cts., or the four for 80 cts.

**MARY WASHINGTON.** By its rapid, vigorous growth it soon forms fine Rose bowers, thickly starred with clusters of snowy flowers, of medium size, very sweet. 15 cts. each.

## Six Polyantha or Fairy Roses.

The Polyantha, or FAIRY ROSES, are dwarf, hardy, and ever-blooming, producing masses of extremely beautiful, double, and fragrant little flowers. These traits, together with their habit of flowering in paniced clusters of from five to fifty blooms, make them particularly valuable for bedding, either by themselves or for edging beds of larger Roses. They also make neat and beautiful pot plants, and their bewitching little buds and flowers are favorites for wearing.



CLOTILDE SOUPERT—A SINGLE PLANT.

**ETOILE D'OR.** Chrome-yellow, with deep citron center; round, double flowers in large clusters. 15 cts.

**GEORGE PERNET.** Bright rosy-pink; beautifully rayed and reflexed. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.

**MIGNONETTE.** Vigorous and unusually free-blooming; immense clusters of perfectly double, rosy-flesh flowers. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts.

**MINIATURE.** Notable as the *smallest of all Roses*. Flowers pure white, about the size of a dime, but *very double* and borne in graceful sprays. 10 cts. each; 6 for 50 cts.

**Mlle. CECILE BRUNNER.** Strong growing, and one of the finest varieties. Flowers salmon-pink, with deep center; very small, full, and delicately scented; exquisite in bud and flower. 15 cts. each.

**CLOTILDE SOUPERT.** The flowers of this beautiful, hardy, ever-blooming Rose are much larger than those of any other Polyantha. For general culture in the open ground its growth is simply perfect; the constant profusion of bloom from the handsome dwarf bushes is really wonderful. The flowers, of medium size, are perfectly double; pearl-white, with rose-pink center. We recommend this as the best of all Roses for bedding, *our sales of it last season exceeding those of any other Rose*. Price 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 6 for 50 cts.; 12 for \$1.00.

**A BED OF POLYANTHA ROSES.** In order to induce our customers to test the desirable qualities of the Polyanthas for bedding, we make the remarkable offer of the six varieties above, including *Clotilde Soupert*, for 50 cts., by mail, postpaid.

A more beautiful effect can hardly be imagined than that produced by such a bed, planted with *Clotilde Soupert* for a center, with the smaller-flowered varieties harmoniously grouped around it.

## TWO-YEAR-OLD ROSES FOR IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

PENROSE NURSERIES have long been famous for Roses of this class, because of the strong plants which have not been forced. A list of varieties with prices will be quoted on application.



# Fifty Select Ever-Blooming Tea Roses.

In selecting THE BEST FIFTY TEA ROSES *not offered elsewhere in this Catalogue*, a high, progressive standard has been maintained and differing individual tastes have been consulted. The selection includes many of the best newer kinds, as well as standard sorts, and nearly all are sold **AT ONLY 10 CTS. EACH.** These Roses are as fine in every way as any of the famous stock we offer, and will begin to grow and bloom soon after planting, continuing their profusion of flowers until frost. Though hardy in the South, TEA ROSES, as a rule, require protection during winter in our Middle and Northern States.

**ANNA OLIVER.** Very double flowers of creamy-blush, tinged with carmine and silvery-rose. 10 cts. each.

**ARCHDUKE CHARLES.** One of the best-blooming bedders. Flowers large and perfect; clear, pale rose, changing to deep crimson; richly flaked. 10 cts.

**AUGUSTINE HALLEM.** Hardy and extra free blooming. Flowers very large and fragrant; clear, bright red, shaded with deep crimson. 15 cts. each.

**BON SILENE.** Noted for the great size and beauty of its buds. Carmine-rose, shaded with salmon. 10 cts.

**CAPTAIN LE FORT.** Large, pointed, long-stemmed buds of the fine *Mermet* type; deep, rich pink, shaded with salmon-rose. 10 cts. each.

**CHRISTINE DE NOUE.** A color yet rare among Teas; deep, dark maroon-crimson, with full, bright center of crimson-lake. Very fragrant, of unusual size. 15 cts.

**COMTESSE RIZA DU PARC.** Superb buds of bright bronze-rose, shaded with carmine and tawny yellow; fragrant; stems long. One of the hardiest. 10 cts.

**COQUETTE DE LYON.** Often called "*Yellow Hermosa*" because of its wonderfully free bloom. Full flowers of canary-yellow; delightfully fragrant. 10 cts.

**DR. REYMONT.** Very fragrant, double flowers; bright crimson, deepening to rosy-violet. 10 cts. each.

**DIRECTEUR RENE GERARD.** Curiously colored, brilliant flowers; light yellow, with peach-pink center and border of china-rose. 10 cts. each.

**DUCHESS DE BRABANT.** Flowers large and fragrant; soft, bright rose, shaded with amber and salmon. 10 cts. each.

**GOLDEN GATE.** Rich creamy-white, tinged with golden-yellow and bordered with clear rose. Both flowers and buds extra large and double. 15 cts.

**H. M. STANLEY.** Clear amber-rose with center of apricot-yellow; fragrant flowers of fine size. 10 cts.

**HERMOSA.** Flowers of medium size, full, fragrant; borne in clusters. 10 cts. each.

**ISABELLA SPRUNT.** A free-flowering favorite. Beautiful buds and flowers of bright canary-yellow. 10 cts. each.

**J. B. VARRONE.** Rich and splendid in color, form, and size. Intensely vivid crimson-scarlet, illumined with copper and salmon; stiff stems, handsome foliage, habit strong and fine. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME CARNOT.** Long, pointed buds and full, white flowers, shaded sulphur-yellow. 20 cts. each.

**MADAME CAMILLE.** Flowers and buds of grand size; rosy-flesh, shaded with salmon and carmine. 10 cts.

**MADAME CAROLINE CUSTER.** One of the hardiest. Large, double flowers of beautiful orange-yellow. 10 cts.

**MADAME CUSIN.** Bright violet-rose, illumined with yellow; the buds are especially beautiful. 10 cts. each.

**MADAME CAROLINE TESTOUT.** The most beautiful Hybrid Tea up to date, being considered even finer than *La France*, which it resembles in many fine points, but excels in vigor, hardiness, the size, and deeper color of its exquisite satiny pink flowers. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME DE WATTEVILLE** (*The Tulip Rose*). Grand flowers of fine substance and fruity fragrance. Salmon-white, bordered with bright rose. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME ELIE LAMBERT.** Flowers are superb half-globes, filled to the brim with petals; creamy-blush, with center of delicate, fresh carnation-rose. 10 cts.

**MADAME ETIENNE** (*Dwarf Catherine Mermet*). Has all the beauty of the type, but is stronger and blooms better. Delicate pink, shaded with rose. 10 cts. each.

**MADAME JOSEPH SCHWARTZ.** White, shaded with flesh-pink; full flowers of medium size. 10 cts.

**MADAME LAMBARD.** Extra large, full flowers of rosy-salmon; varies richly in color. 10 cts. each.

**MADAME WELCHE.** Large, globular buds of soft amber-yellow, clouded orange and ruddy crimson. 10 cts.

**MARECHAL NIEL.** The finest of all yellow Roses. Grand buds of golden-yellow, superbly formed and highly scented. Of climbing habit. 15 cts. each.

**MARIE GUILLOT.** The best white Tea for summer bloom. White, tinted with pale yellow. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. DE GRAW.** Entirely hardy and unequalled for garden culture; fragrant, rich, glossy pink. 10 cts.

**MRS. WHITNEY.** A beautiful new Rose. Clear, deep pink buds of ideal form, with long stems. 20 cts. each.

**PAPA GONTIER.** Immense, pointed, fragrant buds of rich cherry-red; always in bloom. 10 cts. each.

**PERLE DES JARDINS.** Has no rival except *Marechal Niel*, and positively no weak point in habit, growth, or flower; rich canary-yellow. 10 cts.

**PERNET'S TRIUMPH.** Large, long-stemmed buds and flowers of clear magenta-red. 15 cts. each.

**PIERRE GUILLOT.** Highly scented flowers of dazzling crimson. Hardy, healthy, always in bloom. 15 cts.

**PRINCESS DE SAGAN.** Most brilliant, medium-sized flowers of bright, vivid, velvety scarlet. 10 cts.

**PRINCE KAMIL PACHA.** A Rose that thrives everywhere and always gives satisfaction. Apricot, changing to salmon-yellow; large, full, fragrant. 15 cts.

**SAFRANO.** Much valued for its beautiful tawny-orange buds. 10 cts. each.

**SAPPHO.** Full, fawn-colored buds and flowers of medium size, exquisitely suffused with rose. 10 cts. each.

**SNOWFLAKE.** Neat and dwarf in habit and really wonderful in constant profusion of bloom. Exquisite, pure white flowers of medium size. 10 cts. each.

**SOUV. DE WOOTTON.** Grand, broad flowers of rich Jacqueminot-red. 10 cts. each.

**SOMBREIUL.** Creamy-white, tinted rose; beautiful buds. A strong-growing, hardy old favorite. 15 cts.

**SUNSET** (*The After-Glow Rose*). Inimitable in color. Rich, golden-amber, shaded with ruddy copper. 10 cts.

**THE BRIDE.** Still the best of the large white Roses for cut flowers and general culture. Perfect, globular, pointed buds of pure white. 10 cts. each.

**THE QUEEN.** Noted for its continual profusion of large, perfect, pure white flowers. 10 cts. each.


**VIRGINIA.** Beautiful color; saffron-yellow, tinged with pink; very fragrant and lasting. 20 cts. each.

**VISCOUNTESS FOLKESTONE.** Large, lustrous flowers of satiny white, delicately tinted with flesh; very fragrant and exceedingly graceful in form. 15 cts.

**WHITE CLUSTER.** Blooms in large clusters of pure white, very double flowers from spring till fall. 10 cts.

**WHITE MICROPHYLLA.** Large satiny, fragrant flowers produced at intervals all summer; foliage glossy; hardy and an evergreen at the South. 15 cts.

**RED MICROPHYLLA.** Like the white variety in general habit, but with pretty red flowers. 15 cts.

 **SCOTT'S Strong and Reliable ROSES** are now exclusively sold by us. We have known **THE SCOTT ROSES** for many years, have thoroughly tested them at **FORDHOOK FARM**, and in our opinion *there are no other Roses "just as good."*

**OTHER BEAUTIFUL ROSES** are described in the several collections offered in this Catalogue and on the pink circular enclosed. To economize space we do not duplicate names and varieties, but in every collection have given the price at which each variety can be purchased separately.



# Best Perpetual HARDY HYBRID ROSES.

These are the most royal of all Roses. Their beauty is of a bold, brave type, quite distinct from the delicacy of color and odor which characterizes the Teas. Once they embraced only the darker, richer tints in their immense, full flowers, but now include the purest whites and delicate pinks. In the newer varieties, the season of bloom has been extended more generally over the season, although their grandest show of flowers is still made through autumn and spring.



## NEW HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSE, CAPTAIN HAYWARD.

When first exhibited in England this remarkable Hybrid made quite a sensation, and was judged superior even to *General Jacqueminot*. This is not a matter of surprise when its beauty is considered. The flowers are large and bold, thoroughly double, perfectly formed, and of a most intense, velvety, glowing red. Thrown into prominence by long, strong stems above dark, massive foliage, they are well calculated to create a sensation, whether cut for decoration or growing on the bush. The habit of the plant is vigorous, upright, free blooming, and hardy, even in the North. Recommended as one of the best Hybrids of its color in cultivation. 30 cts. each; 3 for 75 cts.

**AMERICAN BEAUTY.** For splendid size, elegant form, warmth of color, and rich fragrance this Rose is yet unequalled. The buds are enormous, the grand flowers full, and of a deep, glowing carmine. The plant is strong, bushy, and blooms constantly. 25 cts. each.

**ANNA ALEXIEFF.** This Rose is noted for its remarkably fine, distinct shade of pink. The flowers are large, full, and sweet. 15 cts.

**ANNE DE DIESBACH** (*Glory of France*). Long, pointed buds, and large, full, fragrant flowers of lovely carmine-rose. Extra hardy; very valuable. 10 cts. each.

**BARONESS ROTHSCHILD.** Grand flowers of a distinct, cupped form, in a fresh, delicate shade of light, glossy pink; fine leaves clothe the long, stout stems thickly quite up to the flowers. Strong and vigorous, it blooms freely until quite late. 30 cts.

**CAPTAIN CHRISTY.** The best and freest blooming of its color. Large, broad, satiny flowers of light peach-pink, with deeper shade at the center. 15 cts.

**COMTE DE PARIS.** Beautiful buds of a peculiarly bright, vivid crimson, that become deeper in color as the full, fragrant flowers expand. 15 cts. each.

**COQUETTE DES ALPES.** One of the finest; freest blooming. The large white flowers are always double; sometimes faintly tinged with pink. 15 cts.

**EARL OF DUFFERIN.** The very finest dark red Rose of recent years. Rich, brilliant, velvety crimson, shaded with dark maroon; beautifully formed and highly scented. 15 cts. each.

**GLOIRE DE MARGOTTIN.** A clear, dazzling scarlet-red, of a luminous quality that shines like a red light. The full, sweet flowers are borne in abundance. 15 cts.

**GENERAL JACQUEMINOT.** The best known and most admired of all crimson Roses. The form of the buds is perfect, while their color is very intense. 15 cts.

**GENERAL WASHINGTON.** Brilliant crimson flowers of full, broad form. One of the most satisfactory Roses for general planting, as it blooms the first season and almost constantly. 15 cts. each.

**MARGARET DICKSON.** This grand new Rose is easily first among white Hybrids. Its large and very double flowers are elegantly formed and well presented on long, stiff stems; they are pure white, with pale flesh center and magnolia fragrance. 20 cts. each.

**MADAME PLANTIER.** Flowers of medium size, full, sweet, and the purest white known in Roses. Very hardy and blooms early. 10 cts. each.

**MAGNA CHARTA.** Superb, bold flowers of bright, satiny rose, borne erect on stout stems. 10 cts. each.

**MERVEILLE DE LYON.** Beautiful cupped flowers of ivory-white, shaded and marked with satiny rose; very double; free blooming. 30 cts. each.

**MRS. JOHN LAING.** Flowers of splendid size and fullness, delightful fragrance, and clear, deep pink color; blooms the first season and constantly. 15 cts.

**PAUL NEYRON.** The largest of all Roses, yet always perfectly formed; very bright, clear rose, deepening to crimson; fragrant; free blooming. 15 cts. each.

**PERFECTION DES BLANCHES.** Well named. The perfectly white, perfectly double flowers are large, fragrant, and abundant. 15 cts. each.

**PRINCE ARTHUR.** A very fragrant, deep brilliant crimson Rose, of fine size and fullness. 15 cts. each.

**PRINCE CAMILLE DE ROHAN.** The darkest and richest of the red-black Roses. Intense, velvety crimson-scarlet, shaded with blackish-maroon. 20 cts.

**RODOCANICHI.** A new Rose, bearing immense, full, fragrant flowers upon splendid, long, leafy stems; color clear, soft, transparent pink, shaded crimson. 20 cts.

**ROSIERISTE JACOBS.** Bright, velvety red, shaded with maroon. Very rich and attractive. 15 cts. each.

**ULRICH BRUNNER.** Bold, handsome buds and flowers of brilliant cherry-red, flamed with crimson-scarlet; very showy, bright, and effective. 10 cts. each.

**VICK'S CAPRICE.** A new striped Rose of glossy pink, dashed and flamed with white and carmine; the markings show finest on the handsome buds. 15 cts. each.

**THE PERPETUAL HARDY HYBRID ROSES** cost the most, because they are the most difficult to propagate. The twenty-five varieties, briefly described above, are the very best of this grand family of Roses,—the superb, fragrant flowers will frequently measure five inches across.

They are the most hardy and vigorous of all Roses, and when once established will live through the winter in the most exposed situation without protection. When young they should have some protection during winter. If properly pruned and cared for the plants will increase in strength and beauty for many succeeding years. They should be invariably planted in the open ground, not being suitable for house culture.



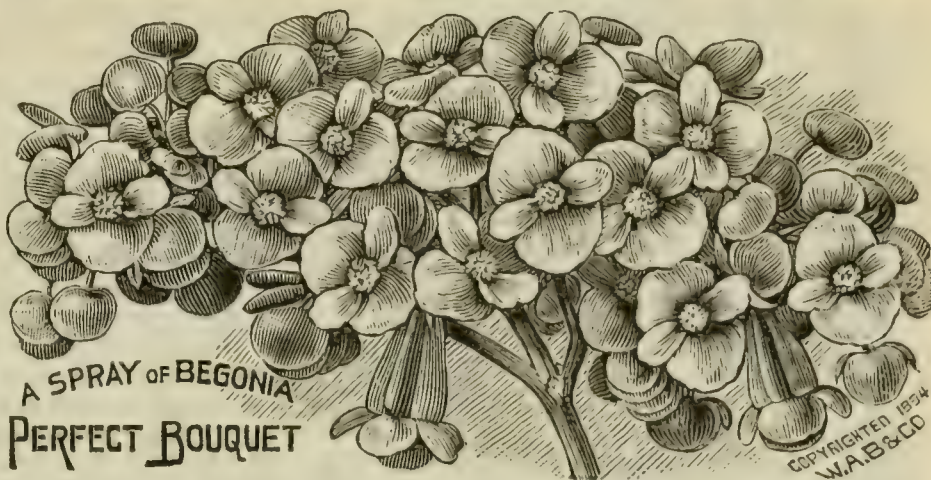
# BEGONIAS for Bedding and House Culture.

**PERFECT BOUQUET.** One of last season's most distinct and valuable novelties. The name, together with the spray illustrated, gives an idea of the plant's beautifully neat, dwarf growth and picturesque massing of pure white flowers, with bronze-green leaves. It blooms freely in the open ground, and also makes one of the most unique, charming little plants for winter flowering in the window. 20 cts. each.

**ERFORDIA.** A valuable German novelty, fully described on page 130. It blooms from early summer until late autumn, with no change in its constant profusion of lovely soft pink flowers. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.

**VERNON.** The tallest of the new dwarf sun-proof bedders, blooming all summer, and seeming only to revel in the heat. The flowers are intense deep red, and the leaves are richly blotched and margined with bronze purple. 10 cts. each. For full description, see page 146 of *Flower Seeds*.

**MADAME DE LESSEPS.** New; handsome and strong growing, with splendid leaves of bronzy-purple, richly marked with silver, and beautiful pink and white flowers. 10 cts. each.



**METALLICA.** Grand for tall specimen plants; thick panicles of pink buds and white flowers against large, red-veined leaves of glistening bronze-green. 10 cts.

**RUBRA.** A splendid old variety, with stout canes that grow amazingly fast, spreading clusters of coral-red flowers amid leaves of deepest green. 10 cts. each.

**NEW RED CORAL (Weltsteini).** An improved *Rubra*, with handsomer, oblong leaves of deep green, shaded with crimson. 15 cts. each.

**For 60 Cts.** we will send, postpaid, one strong plant each of the **Seven Select Begonias** described above; or **any three varieties for 25 cts.** Try a bed of *Vernon*, *Erfordia*, and *Perfect Bouquet*.

## THE BEST CANNAS IN CULTIVATION.

Where brightest and most imposing effects are desired in bedding the Canna is invariably employed. The last few years have wrought wonderful improvement in the Dwarf French race, increasing its beauty a hundred-fold. We ask attention for a correspondingly wonderful change made below in prices of Cannas. A magnificent stock enables us to offer them by express so low that a fine bed may be enjoyed by every one with a few feet of ground.

### NEW DWARF CANNAS.



**ALPHONSE BOUVIER.** For the center of beds and masses this grand, tall-growing variety gives a grand effect. Its every shoot is topped by enormous trusses of vivid crimson-scarlet flowers, a single plant sometimes showing thirty or forty at one time. 15 cts. each.

**CAPTAIN SUZZONI.** This is by far the most brilliant of the yellow Cannas, and gives splendid effects in solid color masses. Shadowy blotches of scarlet but intensify the golden-yellow color. Dwarf and compact; as free blooming as it is showy. 20 cts. each.

**CHARLES HENDERSON.** Flowers wide and rounded, deep vermilion-red delicately penciled with yellow in the center, and opening well together in immense clusters. 15 cts. each.

**DUCHESS DE MONTEMORTE.** Both flowers and clusters are very large, well massed above a fine, compact plant; clear, bright yellow, lightly penciled and dotted with scarlet. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME CROZY.** Flowers of flaming scarlet, with a wide border of golden-yellow. Very showy. 15 cts.

**PAUL MARQUANT.** The flowers of the bold, shapely trusses are larger than in any other variety; color shimmering salmon-rose, with silvery luster of many changeable tints. 15 cts. each.

**PAUL SIGRIST.** Deep, velvety cardinal-red, with a line of light gold defining the broad, rounded petals like a gilt edge, and adding to their rich, thick appearance. 25 cts. each.

**SOPHIE BUCHNER.** Its large flowers of deep, royal, flashing scarlet are evenly clustered into bold trusses upon stout stems. The plant is of strong growth, while the effect of its constant masses of brilliant flowers above the bronze-green leaves is exceedingly fine. 15 cts. each.

**For \$1.00** we will send, postpaid, one strong root each of the **eight grand varieties** above; or **for 50 cts.** we will send one good, strong root each of *Alphonse Bouvier*, *Madame Crozy*, *Charles Henderson*, *Paul Marquant*, and *Captain Suzzoni*,—making **five of the best Cannas for 50 cts.**

**For \$3.00** we will send by express, at purchaser's expense, **ten strong roots EACH** of *Alphonse Bouvier*, *Captain Suzzoni*, *Charles Henderson*, *Madame Crozy*, and *Paul Marquant*,—fifty roots in all,—of varieties each one of which has received the highest award as the best sort of its color. Or, **for \$2.00** we will send five of each of these,—twenty-five in all.





## Six Choice Carnations.

Our idea in making up these compact and popular plant collections is to select varieties each one of which shall be so good and distinct that the purchaser will want them all. The prices also are compact and popular, and the plants strong and well-rooted, all ready to begin blooming. With each collection we send plain directions for culture.

**DAYBREAK.** *The favorite Carnation*, because of its rare and lovely color; a very pure bright shade of flesh-pink in a large, full-fringed flower of rich fragrance and perfect form. The plant is bushy and strong, blooming early. 15 cts.

**GOLDFINCH.** The flowers are of medium size, full, perfectly formed, and very fragrant; *lemon-yellow*, with a clear line of carmine defining the fringes of the petals. Stronger and freer blooming than any other yellow Carnation. 20 cts.

**LIZZIE MCGOWAN.** *By far the finest of all white Carnations*, either for open-air culture or winter flowers. The plants are strong and wonderful bloomers, carrying their large, fringed, snowy flowers upon splendid stems. 10 cts. each.

**PORTIA.** Intensely rich, bright scarlet flowers of medium size; strong, dwarf, and always in bloom. Succeeds well everywhere, and is the most popular and valuable of the dark varieties. 10 cts.

**SWEETBRIER.** A lovely new variety, with fine flowers of the same fresh, delightful shade of pink seen in the *Sweetbrier Rose*. The fragrance is delightful and the plant is strong. 20 cts. each.

**WILLIAM SCOTT.** This is a most promising novelty, and undoubtedly the freest blooming of all pink Carnations. Every shoot of the strong, bushy plant bears its long, stout stem of fine, full, sweet flowers; color bright, delicate, rosy-pink. 20 cts. each.

**For 50 Cts.** *we will send, postpaid, one strong plant each of the six Choice Carnations named above, including the very best white, pink, yellow, and scarlet varieties, with two of the best new Carnations of the year.*

## Twenty-five Select Chrysanthemums.

Famous new varieties, as well as choice older ones, are included in this select list, our stock of each being equally fine. No plants that we offer are sent out with greater confidence than these, and nowhere does fine stock show more plainly than in the bloom of a Chrysanthemum. With each order we send plain **Directions for Culture** of these and other plants.

**ADA SPAULDING.** Beautifully colored; full center of creamy-white; shades to rich salmon-pink in the outer petals of a grand, globe-shaped flower. 10 cts.

**CHALLENGE.** New and superb; its flowers are splendid, perfect globes of glistening golden-yellow, thrown into fine relief by stout stems and dark foliage. 20 cts.

**CULLINGFORDII.** This fine old variety is still one of the very best for amateur culture. Flowers large, reflexed, deep crimson-scarlet. 10 cts. each.

**EDWARD HATCH.** A lovely, soft lemon-yellow, suffused with pink; the perfectly double, rounded flowers are of enormous size; of an unusual color. 10 cts. each.

**ELLA MAY.** An immense, fluffy, rounded flower upon a bold stem. The color shines like rich gilding; clear, light yellow, lined and shaded with ruddy bronze; very graceful and striking. 10 cts. each.

**ERNEST ASMUS.** Flowers of noble form, plummy, and reflexed; chrome-yellow shaded with amber. 10 cts.

**GLORIOSUM.** One of the earliest-blooming varieties. Flowers large, handsome, light lemon-yellow, with petals gracefully twisted. 10 cts. each.

**GOLD.** Rich, shining yellow flowers of fine size and fullness, opening quite late. 10 cts. each.

**GOLDEN BALL.** So brightly colored and so round as to quite deserve its name. The flowers are of grand size and substance, keeping remarkably well. 15 cts.

**GOLDEN WEDDING.** For several seasons this has been the leading variety of its color, nothing finer in form, size, color, or growth having been found among many promising candidates. Its large, noble, incurved flowers of glistening golden-yellow are exceedingly graceful, grandly presented on strong stems. 15 cts.

**HARRY E. WIDENER.** Bold, spherical flowers of glittering gold-bronze; the thick, spoon-shaped petals are faced with red. Stems and growth are extra strong and fine. 10 cts. each.

**HICKS ARNOLD.** Flowers of true, deep, bright old gold; large, very double, and almost round. Plant of strong growth and free bloom. 10 cts. each.

**KIOTO.** This is very unique and attractive, with glossy petals so regularly recurved as to form a smooth ball of deep chrome-yellow. 10 cts. each.

**MAUD DEAN.** The large, beautifully incurved flowers show a rare, lovely shade of pink, approaching rose more nearly than in any other. 20 cts. each.

**MOONLIGHT.** The best large, late variety: grand flowers of purest white; free blooming. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. A. C. BURPEE.** The flowers of this fine Japanese variety sometimes measure eight inches across; deep yellow, shaded with bronze. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. CRAIG LIPPINCOTT.** The enormous flowers of this variety are rich, deep yellow, with oddly swirled and reflexed petals. 15 cts. each.

**MRS. A. J. DREXEL.** An early, free-blooming variety. The long, gracefully twisted petals form great, fluffy half-spheres of rich crimson-lake. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. GEORGE BULLOCK.** Great, rounded, pure white flowers, given a very soft, feathery effect by their narrow, crimped, and lightly reflexed petals. 10 cts.

**MRS. IRVING CLARKE.** A very free-flowering variety that succeeds well everywhere. Pearl-white, shading to deep rose at the center. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. J. G. WHILLDIN.** One of our few very early, large-flowering varieties. Flowers of splendid size and form; petals long; soft lemon-yellow. 10 cts. each.

**MRS. W. H. LINCOLN.** Brightest yellow flowers; very large and double. Early flowering. 10 cts. each.

**ROSLYN.** The bold, handsome flowers are of a remarkably fine pink color, frequently likened to that of the *Hermet Rose*; the thick, crisp petals form immense half-spheres; stems stiff and strong. 10 cts. each.

**SOURCE D'OR.** A splendid old variety of robust habit that blooms freely in open ground or window. Flowers large, with twisted golden-yellow petals, tipped with reddish-brown. 10 cts. each.

**WALTER W. COLES.** Bright, bronzy terra-cotta, of most peculiar and striking shade. Flowers large; semi-double. 10 cts. each.

**For \$1.00**

*we will send, postpaid, Sixteen Choice Varieties of the above, our selection, each labeled; safe arrival and satisfaction guaranteed.*



# Six Rare, New Chrysanthemums, 50 Cts.

In this collection grand novelties have been grouped with magnificent older varieties. To widely extend the culture of the very best plants is an aim worthy of special effort. This we have made in the fine and ample stock which renders possible such an offer as this.

**PHILADELPHIA.** The largest, most beautifully colored, and distinctly formed of all Chrysanthemums, this was *the chief sensation at all the shows last autumn*. In one year it won from the leading societies of the world six first-class certificates and three medals, one of which was awarded in London. The flower is an enormous bright sphere, composed of thick, crisp, grooved, and pointed petals of great width, and majestically carried upon bold, strong stems. The great flowers are snowy white, with a wonderful illumination of bright, soft lemon-yellow on the tips of the polished petals. 35 cts. each; 4 for \$1.00.

**DALLIEDOUZE.** This magnificent new variety has massive flowers of noble form, grandly incurved, and of great substance. The color is a rare, deep golden-yellow. 20 cts. each.

**GEORGE W. CHILDS.** The flowers are massive, rounded, and reflexed, perfectly double, and of a royally beautiful color; deep, dark, velvety crimson-scarlet, of an intense, glowing shade. 20 cts.

**IVORY.** Its large, pure white flowers are beautifully incurved, very double, and exceedingly graceful in their regularity,—a trait that makes them invaluable for cutting. 10 cts. each.

**ADVANCE.** Immense, broad, full flowers of bright rose-pink, with center of deeper pink, beautifully tipped with golden-bronze. 10 cts.

**MRS. E. G. HILL.** The petals are broad, thick, and shining, forming a huge, perfectly double, incurved flower of delicate, pure pearl-pink. Winner of the *Columbian Medal*. 15 cts. each.

**For 50 Cts.** we will send one strong plant each of the Six New and Rare Chrysanthemums described above.



PHILADELPHIA.

## New Early-Flowering Chrysanthemums.

This beautiful race of plants is perennial and thoroughly hardy. Planted in garden beds or borders, they perfect fine flowers quite early and continue to bloom until late in the autumn, after the frost has killed all other flowers. With the best of the graceful Pompons we include some of the very finest large-flowering varieties, which bloom quite as early and are nearly as hardy.



**MARION HENDERSON.** "The growth is very strong and free, with bold, dark foliage and fine stems. The flowers are very large, but quite graceful, and so lasting that the variety remains in bloom for a month. The color is a rich buttery yellow." 20 cts. each.

**CHARLES JOLY.** Large, beautiful, broad-petaled flowers of bright rosy mauve, tinged with bronze and violet; loosely incurved,—very graceful. 15 cts.

**DR. LABAT.** The flowers are a glittering combination of crimson and rosy bronze, lighted with yellow on the tips of the broad, incurving petals. 15 cts.

**MARQUISE DE MONTMORT.** Large, double flowers, with wide, long, loosely twisted petals, forming exquisite fluffy balls of soft, even-tinted silvery-rose. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME BERGMAN.** The very earliest of the large-flowering varieties. The flowers are very large, reflexed, and perfectly double; pure white, with yellow-shaded center. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME PASQUIER.** Very full and double pure white flowers of medium size, borne in graceful clusters; beautiful for cutting. 15 cts. each.

**MISS KATE BROWN.** A beautiful, large-flowering, early white variety. The flowers are extra large, reflexed, and pure white. 15 cts. each.

**PRESIDENT DE LEON SAY.** A very brilliant variety, with large, handsome flowers of coppery bronze, changing to brightest golden-yellow. 15 cts.

**For 40 Cts.** we will send one strong plant each of Marion Henderson, Madame Bergman, Marquise de Montmort, and Charles Joly; or **for 75 Cts.** one each of these four, with the Six New and Rare Varieties above,—in all ten plants,—as described on this page.





## Two New Fuchsias.

New Fuchsias which are really distinct and valuable are very rare, and it is with pleasure that we introduce two sterling novelties from France, one the *largest of its kind*, and the other the *smallest*,—both really beautiful.

**T. THIERRARD.** A magnificent Fuchsia of erect growth, producing flowers of enormous size; the sepals are clear red with deep violet-blue corolla, delicately veined with rose. The flowers are equal in size to *Phenomenal*, and the habit is much better. 35 cts. each.

**CARMEN.** See illustration of a single plant. Corolla very deep, rich violet; tube and sepals crimson-blush. Of dwarf though vigorous habit, they form neat, bushy, well-balanced little plants, with small, glossy leaves. Admirable for pot culture, they also make a valuable addition to our few winter-flowering varieties. The tiny flowers are as perfectly beautiful in their way as are the great blooms of *Phenomenal*. Beautifully formed little flowers, about an inch long. 25 cts. each.

*These two new Fuchsias for 50 cts., postpaid.*

## Best Six Fuchsias for 50 Cts.

the best-growing, best-flowering six sorts of distinct colors to be found among all the double and single varieties in cultivation. All six for 50 cts.

**WASHINGTON.** Tube and sepals of soft, rich carmine, beautifully contrasted with a superb, wide, double corolla of true rose-mauve. Of strong, rapid growth. 20 cts.

**PHENOMENAL.** Of exceedingly strong growth, with large, red-veined leaves and flowers of enormous size. Tube and sepals are bright scarlet; corolla rich purple. 15 cts. each.

**GENERAL ROBERTS.** A unique, profuse-blooming single variety, with buds sometimes two and one-half inches long. The entire flower is rich red-maroon. 15 cts. each.

**EMPEROR OF GERMANY.** Flowers very large, double, rich wine-red, sepals changing to lovely carmine. 15 cts.

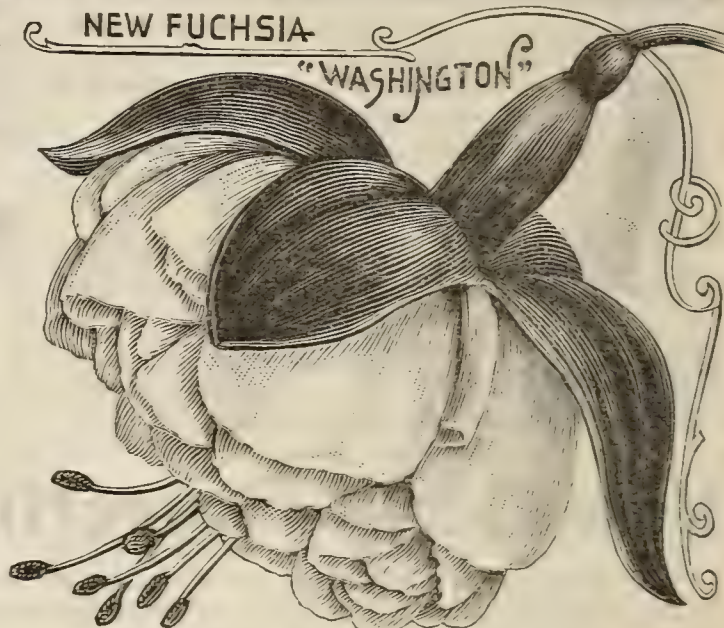
**MRS. E. G. HILL.** The flowers are very large, with short, thick tube and sepals of bright, glossy crimson; wide, double corolla of pure white. 15 cts. each.

**CARMALITA.** A lovely new variety of strong, graceful, drooping growth. Corolla purest white; semi-double, with tube and sepals of bright rose. 20 cts. each.

For 50 Cts. we will send the six fine Fuchsias described above.

This collection of Fuchsias contains no duplicates. The entire set can be recommended as

### NEW FUCHSIA



## NEW DOUBLE GERANIUM, MRS. J. H. MILLS,

### Or DOUBLE NEW LIFE.

A strikingly novel departure from family traits is found in this new Geranium, which must create an even greater sensation than its parent, *New Life*, did in its day. Raised from a sport of that variety, it was fixed in habit and first sent out by MESSRS. HENRY CANNELL & SONS, of England, from whom we have a true stock, the largest in the country. The plant is of strong, dwarf, even growth, blooming profusely and continually. The trusses are of medium size, but full and compact, with very double florets that open well together, showing their parti-colored petals to fine advantage. The wide outer petals are pure, bright scarlet; the smaller inner ones flesh-white, with salmon shadings, the whole effect being that of a light, double flower enclosed in a larger, darker one. The contrast of the two colors in a full-blown truss is very beautiful. Good, strong plants 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.; 7 for \$1.00.





## Six Superb Geraniums for 50 Cts.

To the owners of large collections or to amateurs with room for but a few choice Geraniums, all of which must be distinct and of the very best, we confidently recommend the six varieties below as the very finest horticulture has yet produced. They include choice novelties of the year,—and if purchased separately these six would cost one dollar.

**MRS. MILLS, or DOUBLE NEW LIFE.** The greatest novelty ever offered in Geraniums. 20 cts. each.

**DR. MAREST.** Flowers of remarkably vivid carmine-scarlet, very large, perfectly double, and well-massed; growth dwarf, yet broad and massive. Always in bloom and always singled out as the best and brightest bedding variety growing in our fields. 20 cts. each.

**GLORY OF FRANCE.** Trusses very large, on bold, strong stems; florets waxen, salmon-white, with distinct dark center of salmon-red. 15 cts. each.

**MADAME CHEVRELIERE.** All through the summer this new variety produces more trusses than any other white Geranium. 15 cts. each.

**ROSEBUD.** Entirely unique, and a beautiful, dwarf, bushy pot plant. The full, round trusses of brightest scarlet are composed of exquisite, double florets that remain half curled, like rosebuds. 15 cts. each.

**CENTAURE.** This splendid variety is continually covered with grand, spherical trusses of brightest, glowing pink. 15 cts. each.

**For 50 Cts.** we will send, postpaid, one strong plant each of the six superb varieties named above, including Mrs. J. H. Mills (or Double New Life),—the greatest novelty yet introduced in Geraniums.

## STANDARD LIST OF CHOICE GERANIUMS.

Their culture in the open fields at the MODEL FARM is a fine test of the capabilities of Geraniums for bedding, and any found lacking in vigor, freedom of bloom, size of truss, or brilliancy and constancy of color are quickly discarded. Strict comparative trials as pot plants are also made in the greenhouses, so that we know the following to be a fine, well-sifted list of the very best varieties for round-the-world and round-the-year culture.

**BEAUTÉ POITEVINE.** Extra large, semi-double flowers of bright salmon, deeper at the border. 10 cts.

**BONNAT.** Brightest carmine-rose; trusses very large and round; florets double. 10 cts. each.

**BOULE DE NIEGE (Snowball).** Trusses enormous, spherical, and even, with very large, double florets of purest white; growth strong, always one mass of splendid, snowy clusters. Undoubtedly the very best white,—we counted one hundred and twenty-four buds and flowers on one large truss on a field-grown plant. 20 cts.

**BRUANTII.** The most beautiful bedder of its color. Flowers very large and double; vermilion-red. 10 cts.

**ERASME SIMONET.** Odd and brilliant. Flowers large, round, single; violet-crimson, with pansy-like blotches of scarlet at base of upper petals. 20 cts. each.

**GEOFFREY DE ST. HILAIRE.** Glowing scarlet flowers, rayed with violet-crimson; double. 10 cts.

**JANUS.** Bright and novel. Wide, round, single florets of rich currant-red, with a silvery reverse, contrasting beautifully in the full, even trusses. 10 cts. each.

**LE CID.** Very wide-petaled, double florets of an intense, velvety, deep scarlet, unequalled in any other Geranium. A magnificent variety. 10 cts. each.

**M. POIRIER.** Enormous trusses of beautiful carmine-violet, richly marked; florets large; single. 15 cts.

**MADAME DU LUC.** Bright rose, blotched with pure white on upper petals. The finest single pink. 10 cts.

**MADAME MASSAGE DE LOUVREX.** Mammoth single flowers and trusses of deep orange-salmon. 10 cts.

**MONTESQUIEU.** Splendid trusses of large, double flowers; distinct rosy-mauve, shaded with lilac. 10 cts.

**MRS. A. BLANC.** Apricot-red, with center of vinous rose; large, round florets. Very beautiful. 10 cts. each.



GERANIUM—WHITE SWAN.

**SOUVENIR DE MIRANDE.** Large, round, single florets of satiny white, exquisitely bordered and flushed with carmine. 15 cts. each.

**WHITE SWAN.** A noble variety, the superb habit and truss of which are well shown in our illustration. Florets large and very double, always purest white; continually in bloom. 10 cts. each.

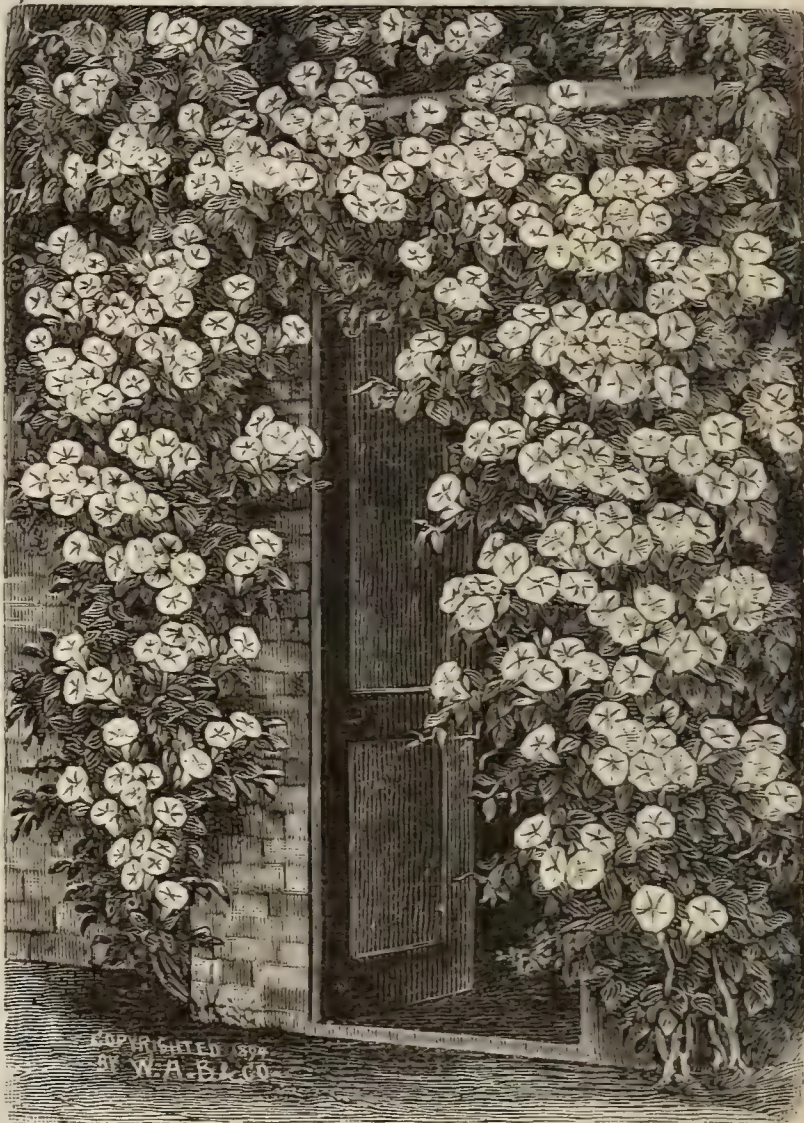




## OTAHEITE ORANGE.

This very distinct variety of the Orange family was originally brought from an island in the Pacific Ocean, where the growing season extends throughout the year. As will be seen from our illustration from nature, flowers and fruit are borne at the same time. The flowers are deliciously fragrant, and identical with the much-sought-for blossoms of the tropical orange groves. The fruit, which is bright, like little balls of gold, holds its color and hangs on the branches for months. Of the easiest culture, growing compact and well balanced to the height of twelve to fifteen inches. We can thoroughly recommend it as a *first-class pot-plant*, that will bloom alike on the veranda during the summer and indoors during winter. Having an immense stock, we offer it at a low price.

Price 15 cts. each; 2 for 25 cts.; 9 for \$1.00, postpaid.



THE TRUE MOONFLOWER,—IPOMEA NOCTIFLORA.

### True Magnolia-Scented Moonflower.

A remarkably strong and rapid grower, this grand and luxuriant climber retains its popularity. We have known single vines to cover more than twenty square feet of surface in a short time. It will grow in any ordinary situation, and will, in the summer twilight, burst into a sheet of splendid silvery-white, moon-shaped flowers, which are delightfully perfumed. 15 cts. each; 4 for 50 cts., postpaid.

### Blue Moonflower (Ipomea Leari).

This charming novelty is particularly valuable as being in striking contrast with the well-known *Magnolia Moonflower* described above. The habit of growth, freedom of bloom, and form of flowers is the same, but the color is clear, satiny blue, barred with fine crimson. 15 cts. each; 2 for 25 cts.

For a NOVEL EFFECT plant the two Moonflowers together,—both for 25 cts., postpaid.

## THE WONDERFUL GOOSEFLOWER.



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THE GOOSEFLOWER (*Aristolochia Gigas Sturtevantii*) is a native of Guatemala, where all vegetation grows like magic. This new vine climbs remarkably fast, and its bloom is a great curiosity. At the World's Fair it attracted much attention; later thousands of people thronged daily to see "THE WONDERFUL GOOSEFLOWER" blooming in Washington Park. When in full bloom a strong vine bears from twenty-five to fifty huge, grotesque flowers of the shape shown in our illustration. They are usually about eleven or twelve inches long, not including the tail-like appendage two or three feet in length. Aside from its interest as a wonderful freak of nature, the vine's large, handsome foliage makes it one of the most valuable climbers for porch or trellis. It should be planted, however, where the strong odor of the flowers will not be objectionable. 15 cts. each, or 4 for 50 cts.

## ROSES AND VIOLETS

are two of the most fashionable fragrant flowers, that should be in every garden. See special offer on the *pink circular* enclosed,—the choicest novelties, which we have had grown in immense numbers to introduce to flower lovers everywhere. Every garden should also have a row of the most beautiful New SWEET PEAS. See Lithographed Leaflet enclosed, or page 38.—Seven Superb Sweet Peas for Twenty-Five Cents! You should read FLOWERS FOR EVERY HOME, price ten cents, or Free with a dollar order. See page 6.



# BURPEE'S SUMMER-FLOWERING BULBS.

The summer-flowering Bulbs for spring planting contained in the following list are *inexpensive, very easily grown*, and produce some of the most showy and beautiful of all summer and autumn flowers. There are but few flowers that can compare with the noble and brilliant spikes of the Gladiolus, the grace and elegance of the Lily, the purity and sweetness of the Tuberose, the majestic foliage of the Caladium, the flaming heads of the Tritoma, or the wonderful markings of the Tigridia. They require scarcely any care, and quickly make a gorgeous display, while the bulbs can be kept over winter, and will year after year continue to return a hundred-fold, in beauty and satisfaction, the trifling expense of the original cost. These bulbs are all grown for us in large quantities, true to name, and we have priced them very low to bring them within the reach of all. They are in splendid condition, fine, large bulbs, properly stored in our warehouse, and will be sent, securely packed, in the same parcels with flower or vegetable seeds. Our prices are for choice bulbs, **postpaid, by mail**, to any address in the United States.



## NEW EXCELSIOR PEARL TUBEROSES.

The Tuberose is justly a universal favorite, and is very easily grown. It is the most popular of all flowers for button-hole bouquets during August and September. The **New Excelsior Pearl Tuberose**s have been selected with great care and are superior to the ordinary Pearl Tuberose. This variety is characterized by its short, robust stem and long spikes of large flowers in great profusion, perfectly double and twice the size of the common Tuberose, while of equally delicious fragrance. We grow these bulbs in immense quantities for American and export trade, filling single orders for from 20,000 to 100,000 bulbs. We offer choice, large-flowering bulbs of this magnificent strain, by mail, at 6 for 20 cts.; 35 cts. per doz.; 25 for 70 cts.; 100 for \$2.50, postpaid. Largest size selected bulbs, by mail, 5 cts. each; 6 for 25 cts.; 50 cts. per doz.; \$3.00 per 100, postpaid. Or by express, at purchaser's expense: \$2.00 per 100; 200 for \$3.50, or \$15.00 per 1000.

## NEW BRANCHING ALBINO TUBEROSE.

A distinct new sort, sure to become popular. It flowers from twenty to thirty days earlier than the old single variety, and sends up two or more flower stems from the same bulb. The flower spike is large and evenly filled with large single flowers with gracefully recurved petals, free from the brown tint common to the old sorts. The tube and expanded sepals are of the purest waxy-white, and the odor is less heavy than in the older varieties. Altogether it is a most attractive plant for cut flowers. Although only of recent introduction, our large stock permits us to offer this valuable acquisition at a price within the reach of all.

Strong, blooming bulbs 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 6 for 50 cts.; \$1.00 per doz., by mail, postpaid.

## VARIEGATED-LEAVED TUBEROSE.

The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy-white; flowers single, but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which adds greatly to its value. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts., or \$1.00 per doz., by mail, postpaid.

## ORANGE-FLOWERED TUBEROSE.

A very beautiful variety, with elegant single flowers. It is considered much hardier than any double Tuberose, and more certain to bloom early in the season. The exquisite pure snowy-white flowers rival orange blossoms in sweetness. We offer strong, blooming bulbs, 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 6 for 50 cts.; \$1.00 per doz.





## SUMMER-FLOWERING OXALIS.

The solid little bulbs, which are somewhat larger than peas, can be planted the first of May or earlier; they will quickly produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers, which attractive appearance is maintained from early summer until late fall. They are very charming for pots and hanging baskets, giving a graceful display of fine foliage and flowers. Few bulbs give as much for the money as SUMMER-FLOWERING OXALIS.

**OXALIS LASANDRIA.** Beautifully cut foliage; rosy-pink flowers; grows taller than Dieppi. 12 for 10 cts.; 25 for 15 cts.; 50 for 25 cts.; 100 for 40 cts.; 1000 for \$2.50.

**OXALIS DIEPPI.** Very handsome clover-like foliage; pure white flowers. 12 for 10 cts.; 25 for 15 cts.; 50 for 25 cts.; 100 for 40 cts.; 1000 for \$2.50.

## GLOXINIAS.

This gorgeous exotic is as easily grown and cared for as many common flowers. They will bloom in three months from time seed is sowed, or in six weeks from the planting of the dry bulb. The flowers will last in water, when cut, over two weeks in perfect condition. They are the most magnificent table decoration we have in summer. Keep the bulbs in pots in the house, or on the veranda, in boxes or little frames outside, and you can cut the flowers all summer. They will bloom till late in summer, when they should be dried off, letting the leaves die; the pots can be kept over winter in a cellar free from frost. For seed see page 153.

Price of good, strong bulbs, in mixed colors, 25 cents each; 5 for \$1.00, or \$2.00 per dozen, postpaid.

## NYMPHÆA ODORATA GIGANTEA.

An improved form of the common Pond Lily, Nymphaea Odorata, with more deeply cupped flowers almost double the size and with stamens twice as large as those in the common variety. Easily grown in a tub of water, or a half barrel set in the ground. A large crop enables us to offer roots at 25 cts. each; 5 for \$1.00.

## TRITOMA UVARIA GRANDIFLORA.

Flaming Torch, or Red Hot Poker Plant.



TRITOMA UVARIA.

frost-proof, and remain uninjured long after nearly all other flowers have perished. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.

At all floral exhibitions, and when sent as cut flowers to the New York market, this plant attracts more attention than any other flower. It grows from four to six feet high; the flower spike is often five feet high, and the flower measures twelve to fifteen inches long and twelve inches in circumference. They are a dazzling scarlet, lower half of flower tinged with rich orange. A clump of these makes a striking show. A valuable feature is that the flowers are nearly

## THE SPOTTED CALLA

(Richardia Alba Maculata).

This beautiful and popular novelty gives the greatest satisfaction. The leaves are rich, deep green, finely spotted with white. Thus the plant even when not in flower is ornamental. It is easily grown, very distinct, free to bloom, and in all other respects is like the favorite old Calla. Two or three bulbs may be grown in a five-inch pot. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.; 7 for \$1.00; \$1.50 per dozen, by mail, postpaid.

**CALLA OF THE NILE.** This is the favorite old White Calla, or Lily of the Nile. Of the earliest culture, and in winter is one of the best window plants, sure to bloom profusely. We advise using rich soil and giving light, heat, and water in abundance. 30 cts. each; 2 for 50 cts., by mail, postpaid.

**DWARF CALLA (Little Gem).** Should not be confused with the Gem, being entirely distinct. It is indeed a pigmy, scarcely growing one foot high. It is a perfect miniature Calla, producing almost continuously large, snow-white flowers. Price 20 cts.; 3 for 50 cts.

For 50 Cts. we will mail the set of three Callas.

## CALADIUM ESCULENTUM,

also known as Elephant's Ears. A very effective plant and suitable for either a single plant on the lawn, masses in beds, or for margins of water. Its very distinct, apron-like leaves often attain the length of three feet by twenty inches wide. Bulbs can be stored in dry sand in winter, and kept from year to year. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.; \$1.75 per doz.



CALADIUM ESCULENTUM.

**CALADIUM, — FANCY — LEAVED. —**

Superbly ornamental foliage plants suited for pot culture in the house or conservatory. Most desirable for their graceful growth and brilliant markings. Fine mixed bulbs 30 cts. each; 3 for 75 cts.

## Superb Climbing Rose,—The GREAT UNKNOWN.

When the famous Climbing La France was first introduced in 1893 MESSRS. ROBT. SCOTT & SON bought a number of plants from the introducers. When these came into flower there appeared some plants which were of a variety quite different,—a magnificent climbing rose, with large, brilliant flowers like *The American Beauty*. To ROBT. SCOTT & SON, with their forty-six years' experience in growing Roses, this variety was entirely unknown,—to the introducers it was equally unknown. A plant has been sent to MESSRS. ALEXANDER DICKSON & SONS, the famous Rosarians of Great Britain, and when it flowers they may be able to identify it. Meanwhile we call it "The GREAT UNKNOWN." The Superintendent of THE MODEL FARM considers it the finest of all hardy climbers. For description see the Cherry-Colored Plant Circular enclosed with this Catalogue.



## NEW NYMPHAEA DAHLIA.

Like a Pink Water Lily.

We give prominent place to this lovely Dahlia, which was discovered by MR. W. P. PEACOCK, of New Jersey. The introducer says of it:—

"This grand new Dahlia is without doubt the most distinct variety ever introduced. Entirely different, it furnishes not only a new and rare color, but distinct form and habit as well. The flowers are of large size, the full view resembling in form and color so clearly the ideal Pink Water Lily as to suggest its name, while from a side view it resembles a beautiful full-blown rose. The petals are broad, those of the center being somewhat cupped or incurved, while the outer petals extend their full length. The color is a clear, distinct, light shrimp pink, which shades slightly darker toward the outer petals—a color seldom found in any flower, and never before in a Dahlia. The flower is of most exquisite finish, soft, waxy, delicate, and graceful, and will keep perfect, when cut, for several days. In its habit and growth it is also distinct, resembling more a fine, vigorous, well-kept Rose bush, bearing the flowers on strong, graceful stems. It has a *sweet, delicate perfume*, in marked contrast with the odor of other varieties." **Fine field-grown tubers, that cannot fail to give satisfaction, 25 cts. each; 2 for 40 cts.; 6 for \$1.00, postpaid.**



NEW NYMPHÆA DAHLIA. *From a Photograph.*

**MIXED DAHLIAS.** From a complete collection of the **newest and best** varieties we offer **fine field-grown tubers** that will give grand plants and abundant bloom. We wish all our Dahlia-loving friends could have seen the two acres of plants from which this mixture was taken. That all may profit we make the extremely low price of **15 cts. each; 2 for 25 cts.; 12 for \$1.25, postpaid.**

## BEST SEVEN LILIES.

**LILIUM AURATUM (The Golden-Rayed Lily).** Considered by many the most beautiful of all Lilies; grows three to five feet high, producing in great profusion immense flowers, which measure fully ten inches when expanded; wonderfully fragrant; color ivory-white, with distinct central band of brightest yellow, petals thickly spotted with rich chocolate crimson. 20 cts. each; 3 for 50 cts.; 7 for \$1.00, postpaid, by mail.

**LILIUM ELEGANS (also known as Thunbergianum).** Grows from ten to fifteen inches high, with stout, erect stems, terminated with umbels of handsome cup-shaped flowers five to six inches across. We offer a mixture which embraces all the most beautiful and distinct varieties, ranging from brightest orange to deep blood-red. One of the earliest flowering of all. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; \$1.00 per doz.

**L. PARDALINUM (The Panther Lily).** This native American variety grows with wonderful luxuriance four to six feet high, bearing gorgeous, drooping flowers of a brilliant orange-red color, not unlike a rare *Superbum*. 25 cts. each; 3 for 65 cts.

**LILIUM SPECIOSUM MONSTROSUM ALBUM.** This interesting and distinct kind has broad, flat foliage and stems; pure white flowers of fine form; this is the only white variety we offer. 25 cts. each; 3 for 65 cts., postpaid.

**LILIUM SPECIOSUM RUBRUM (also known as Roseum).** Of this magnificent Lily Dr. Lindley says: "Handsome beyond all others on account of the clear, deep rose color of its flowers, which seem all rugged with rubies and garnets, sparkling with crystal points, with the fragrance of the Petunia." Grows three to five feet high. 15 cts. each; 3 for 40 cts.

**LILIUM TIGRINUM FLORE PLENO (The Double Tiger Lily).** Grows from four to six feet high, and produces an immense number of double, bright orange-red flowers spotted with black. There should be a place for it in every garden. 15 cts. each; 3 for 40 cts., postpaid, by mail.

**LILIUM WALLACEI.** This magnificent variety grows about three feet high, producing a profusion of beautiful buff flowers, freely spotted with maroon; entirely distinct. 15 cts. each; 3 for 40 cts., postpaid, by mail.

**For \$1.00** we will send, postpaid, to any address the Complete Collection of Seven Superb Lilies named above, and add one fine *Elegans*, making eight bulbs in all for only \$1.00; a club of Six One-Dollar Collections of Lilies named for \$5.00, postpaid.

**For 50 Cts.** we will send *Auratum*, *Pardalinum*, *Elegans*, and *Wallacei*,—four in all, postpaid, for only 50 cts.; six of these sets for \$2.50.



LILIUM AURATUM.





# Burpee's Superb Gladioli

All visitors to our FORDHOOK FARM each summer are most enthusiastic in praise of the magnificent display made by the long rows of our SUPERB SEEDLING GLADIOLI. These seedlings have all been carefully saved from the most beautiful French Hybrids, and embrace a wide range of colors. They are in every way equal to choice named varieties, which cost many times as much, and they are vastly superior to the mixed Gladioli generally sold, as these mixtures, often being made up of cheap named varieties, contain too many common red and dark colors. Our Seedling Gladioli can be relied upon to bloom freely and embrace all shades of buff, salmon, pink, crimson, yellow, white, lemon, rose, maroon, scarlet, cherry, and beautifully variegated and oddly marked varieties—in fact, *no two are alike*.

**Prices of BURPEE'S SUPERB SEEDLINGS.** Large bulbs, guaranteed to flower, 5 for 25 cts.; 50 cts. per dozen; 25 for \$1.00, or \$3.50 per 100, by mail, postpaid. By express: \$3.00 per 100; 200 for \$5.00.

## LEMOINEI SEEDLING GLADIOLI.

The colors are *more intense* and *vivid* than in any other Gladioli. Good flowering bulbs, all new Lemoinei Seedlings, price 5 for 25 cts.; 50 cts. per dozen; 25 for \$1.00, or \$3.50 per 100, by mail, postpaid.

## FINE MIXED GLADIOLI.

Our mixed Gladioli embrace a magnificent variety of beautiful colors, all the poorer sorts having been discarded when in flower. We trust that many of our friends will avail themselves of these very low prices to plant largely.

**First Size Bulbs**, guaranteed to flower, extra fine mixed, 3 for 10 cts.; 30 cts. per dozen; 45 for \$1.00, or \$2.00 per 100, postpaid.  
By express: \$1.75 per 100; \$16.50 per 1000.

**Second Size Bulbs**, which will all flower the first summer, 5 for 10 cts., or 20 cts. per dozen; \$1.50 per 100, postpaid.  
By express: \$1.25 per 100; \$12.00 per 1000, embracing all colors.

## A REMARKABLE OFFER OF SEVEN SELECT NAMED GLADIOLI for 1896

The finest named Gladioli range in price from 25 cts. to \$1.00 each. To get the cream of them within the reach of all has been our aim.

**Here is Good News:** At last we have succeeded in getting immense stocks of seven select named varieties which can be unreservedly recommended as possessing beauty and merit of the highest type. Each is carefully described below and first-class bulbs offered, postpaid, at the uniform price of only 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts., or 7 for 50 cts.

This is the most remarkable offer of select named Gladioli ever made, and we are prepared for thousands of orders.

**AURORA.** A splendid, strong grower, with exceedingly handsome spikes of large flowers; color brightest rose passing to scarlet, with golden-yellow center. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.** This grand variety grows six feet high, bearing enormous spikes of finely formed flowers; color rich purplish-rose striped with carmine. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**FATMA.** Very large flowers of ivory-white ground profusely striped and suffused with pure rosy salmon; violet blotched or carmine ground. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**GRAND ROUGE.** Perfectly formed flowers in enormous spikes; color most brilliant and dazzling scarlet imaginable. This superb variety is one of the finest of its color. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**HESPERIDE.** Profusely blotched and flamed rosy-salmon. Handsome spike of grand effect. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**OCTOROON.** This lovely variety delights all; color soft salmon-pink; entirely distinct. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**AFRICANE.** A dark-colored variety of remarkable effect; dense spike, slate-brown on scarlet ground streaked with salmon and pure white, with white blotch. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

FOR 50 CTS. we will send, postpaid, the set of seven select named Gladioli offered above.



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# SPECIAL CHEAP OFFER OF Five Showy Named Gladioli.

Not Seedling Bulblets now so generally offered, but full Blooming-Size Bulbs.

For massing or grouping the five named Gladioli described below will be found very effective and showy, while they also furnish fine spikes of bloom for cut flowers. Taking advantage of an immense stock, we offer these five showy named Gladioli at the unprecedentedly low price (in lots of not less than five) of **2 cts. each, or \$1.75 per 100**; 200 bulbs or more at **\$1.50 per 100**, postpaid by mail, *purchaser's choice of varieties*, and all good flowering bulbs.

**BRENCHLEYENSIS.** This brilliant Gladiolus should be extensively used for massing. It is certainly unsurpassed for this use and for background. It comes quickly into bloom, while it can also be planted in this latitude as late as the middle of July, and will even then bloom before frost. The flowers are of a dazzling scarlet color, enveloping the entire spike. 5 bulbs for 10 cts.; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.

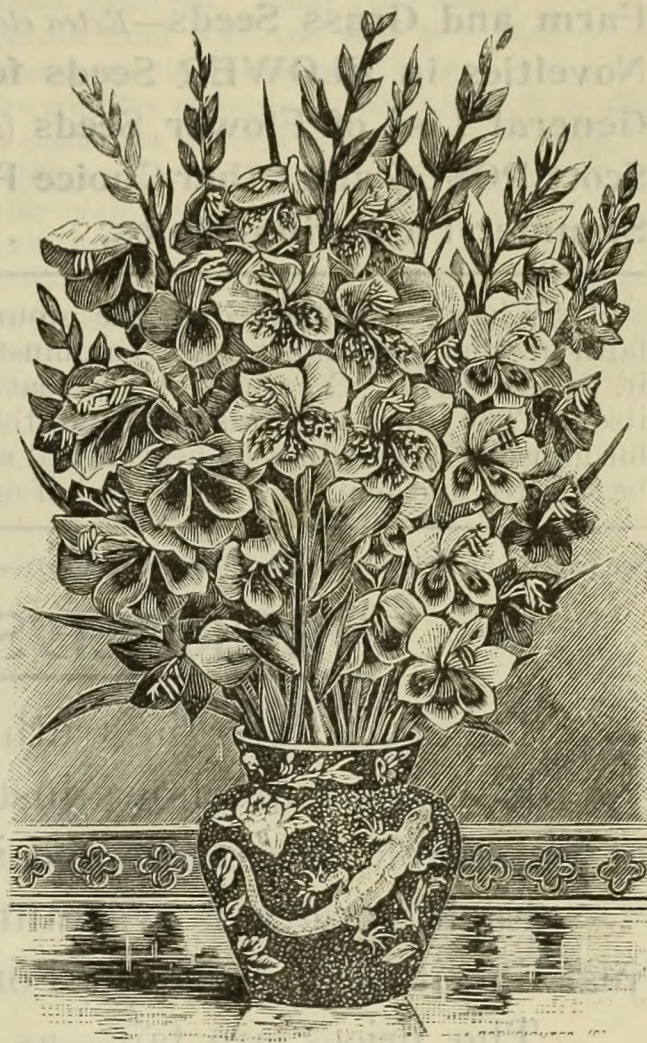
**CERES.** This makes an excellent contrast to the Brenchleyensis for massing; the long spikes are perfectly straight, with large flowers of great substance, well formed, and all facing one way, making a solid wall of flowers. The ground color is pure white, while each flower has a conspicuous large blotch of violet-rose. 5 bulbs for 10 cts.; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.

**MADAME MONNERET.** A splendid, vigorous grower, with great spikes of delicate rose-colored flowers, exquisitely attractive, and valuable for cutting. 5 bulbs for 10 cts.; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.

**MARIE LEMOINE.** This variety has long been considered one of the very best of Mr. Lemoine's new hybrid Gladioli; it shows the distinct orchid-like character of the type, with a long spike of beautiful flowers; pale cream color, flushed scarlet and spotted purplish-violet, bordered with deep yellow. 5 bulbs for 10 cts.; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.

**NAPOLÉON III.** Fine, large spikes of intensely scarlet flowers, each with a clear white throat. Few Gladioli can compare with this well-known variety for brilliancy of color and handsome markings. For grouping it is one of the very best. 5 bulbs for 10 cts.; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.

All the above, distinctly labeled, *purchaser's choice*, will be mailed at the low prices given above, or we will mail sample lots of **ten bulbs** (two of each variety) for **20 cts.** It will be noticed that 200 bulbs can be had, postpaid, for \$3.00—these can be all of one variety or *assorted as desired*, and will make a grand display. In order to encourage still further their extensive planting, we will supply these *five varieties*, in lots of not less than 1000, at **\$13.50 per 1000, postpaid**, or at **\$12.50 per 1000**, shipped by express.



## Fifteen Summer-Flowering Bulbs.

All the varieties included in the following list are so well known for distinct good qualities that we offer them together without illustrations; first-class bulbs at uniformly low prices.

**APIOS TUBEROSA.** Also called TUBEROUS-ROOTED WISTARIA. This native plant grows very quickly and attains a great height, making, with its dense foliage and beautiful flowers, a most attractive screen; profuse clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, deliciously fragrant. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 7 for 50 cts.

**BESSERA ELEGANS.** Bell-shaped flowers of a bright coral-scarlet, with white cups and dark-blue anthers. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 85 cts.

**CYCLOBOTHR FLAVA.** Of very graceful habit of growth, and producing many clusters of drooping, cup-shaped flowers, golden-yellow, with fine black dots on the petals. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 85 cts.

**MILLA BIFLORA (Floating Star).** The flowers of a pure waxy-white, nearly two and a half inches in diameter; of great substance, and will keep for days when cut. 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for \$1.00.

We will send one bulb each of these THREE MEXICAN GEMS for 25 cts., or 2 bulbs of each, 6 in all, for 45 cts.

**CINNAMON VINE (Chinese Yam).** A tuberous-rooted climbing vine that grows with great rapidity, quickly covering walls, trellises, etc. Its bright, lively green foliage makes a most attractive, dense screen. Good, strong tubers at 10 cts. each; 3 for 25 cts.; 12 for 85 cts.

**HYACINTHUS CANDICANS.** A very stately bulbous plant, with large Yucca-like leaves, growing as high as four feet. The flowers are pure white, pendent on the long, whip-like stalks, strong bulbs giving two or more spikes; the number of flowers varies from twenty to sixty on each. Perfectly hardy. 5 cts. each; 6 for 25 cts.; 12 for 50 cts.; 30 for \$1.00, or \$3.00 per 100.

**MADEIRA VINE.** A beautiful, rapid-growing climber, bearing graceful racemes of very fragrant white flowers; very pretty and useful. 10 cts. each; 75 cts. per doz.

**MONTBRETIA CROCOSMIÆFLORA.** Of great beauty, bearing long spikes, with numerous side spikes of large, brilliant flowers—bright orange dotted with purple spots. 5 cts. each; 3 for 10 cts.; 12 for 35 cts.

**TIGRIDIAS.** Planted in the open ground in May, they commence blooming early in July, and produce an abundance of gorgeous flowers until October.

**TIGRIDIA GRANDIFLORA ALBA.** Clear, pearly-white color, marked at the base of each division with large spots of a reddish-brown on a yellowish ground. 10 cts. each; 6 for 50 cts., or 13 for \$1.00.

**TIGRIDIA CONCHIFLORA.** Fine yellow, spotted crimson. 7 cts. each; 4 for 25 cts., or 18 for \$1.00.

**TIGRIDIA GRANDIFLORA.** Very large, bright crimson, center variegated with yellow. 7 cts. each; 4 for 25 cts.; 9 for 50 cts.; 18 for \$1.00.

**ZEPHYRANTHES ANDERSONI.** Orange-yellow flowers. 5 cts. each; 3 for 10 cts.; 12 for 35 cts.

**ZEPHYRANTHES ATAMASCO.** In all respects like *Rosea*, except in color, which is pure white. 5 cts. each; 6 for 20 cts.; 12 for 35 cts.

**ZEPHYRANTHES CANDIDA.** Lovely white flowers freely borne. 5 cts. each; 6 for 20 cts.; 12 for 35 cts.

**ZEPHYRANTHES ROSEA.** Flowers are of a clear, rosy-pink color. 5 cts. each; 6 for 20 cts.; 12 for 35 cts.

The set of 4 ZEPHYRANTHES, postpaid, for 15 cts.



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“When you plant seed in the ground you cannot see it grow at first. You must have faith in what you cannot see. You must leave the seed to grow of itself. But you must plant it, to begin with. You must know that it is there. The ground does not bring forth fruit of itself. The sower must cast seed into the ground. This is left for each man consciously to do for himself. The winds of heaven will sow all sorts of weeds and tares. The good seed must be selected and planted by the hand of man.”

See page 71 for origin of our well-known motto:—

## “BURPEE’S SEEDS GROW.”

This book tells the truth about Seeds.

Every picture shows just what the seed will produce—no views of impossible vegetables and imaginary flowers.

Each variety is warranted *as represented*, because other seeds just like it have grown at FORDHOOK FARM.

The prices are fair—as low as you can buy good seeds for—higher than you should pay for poor.

It is not their cost, number, how they are put up, or how advertised, that makes good seeds—it’s what the seeds themselves are.

Kindly read pages 2 to 5,—we think them worth a few moments of your time,—they tell how *we test all seeds*.

If you desire fuller details of the Fordhook Trial System we will mail you upon receipt of two two-cent stamps a book entitled “A YEAR’S WORK AT FORDHOOK FARM,” by Mr. E. J. Wheelock. This little book clearly presents the impression gained by Mr. Wheelock from an exhaustive personal investigation of our entire system of Seed Trials at the Farm, and will be recognized instantly as the work of a keen observer and incisive writer. To the pen of Mr. Wheelock we also owe the interesting article, “Where and How Seeds Grow,” a leading one in the valuable book of the World’s Fair Horticultural Congress,—“SELECTION IN SEED GROWING,”—which is sent free to all customers who select it as a Premium to accompany an order for One Dollar’s worth of seeds. See page 6.

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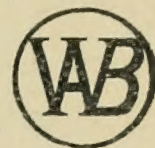
# BURPEE'S ORIGINAL SUREHEAD CABBAGE

## FOR 19 YEARS THE BEST FOR MAIN CROP.



The illustration above was accurately engraved from a photograph of an average seed head of this world-famous main-crop Cabbage.

First named and introduced by us in 1877, BURPEE'S SUREHEAD CABBAGE has gained the confidence of growers everywhere. Its sureness to produce large, solid heads of superb quality and its perfect reliability have made it famous throughout America. Each year brings us more testimonials from both old and new customers. The measure of worth and satisfaction given the country at large by this firm favorite cannot be overestimated, market gardeners, farmers, and the most particular planters testifying alike to its exceeding value. We are justly proud of this remarkable superiority, and stake our reputation on keeping **BURPEE'S SUREHEAD the best main-crop Cabbage for market or home use.** North, East, South, and West, you can rely on it.



For the experience of planters for nineteen years past, please see page 53 of the general list of Cabbages in the body of this book.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; 2 ozs. 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 75 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb \$1.25; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

**"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."**

### Price Buyers Versus Quality Buyers.

*Price buyers* are simply bargain hunters—they buy seeds from advertisements—search catalogues to see where they seem to get the most for the least, as to them a seed's a seed.

*Quality buyers* waste no time planting unknown seeds—they buy quality, not quantity—know that an ounce of good seeds is worth a pound of poor—but they don't over-pay for anything—they EXPECT to pay what a good thing is worth, for only that way can they get it.

Burpee's are not the LOWEST PRICED seed, pound for pound—and never will be—they are the cheapest seeds, quality for quality—an ounce of Burpee's seeds will grow as much or more than an ounce of any others.

Burpee's profit is less than that of so-called cheap seed sellers, for his seeds are fresh and unadulterated, are tested and of known quality—of course it costs more to raise good seeds, as it does anything else good.

Each year Burpee aims to give his customers better seeds.

When he can't improve his AIM, he will sell seeds no longer.

☞ You should read on pages 2 to 5 a brief account of FORDHOOK—the model seed farm of America,—where we learn TO KNOW SEEDS.

In addressing letters it is sufficient to write simply :—

**W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., PHILADELPHIA, PA.**



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